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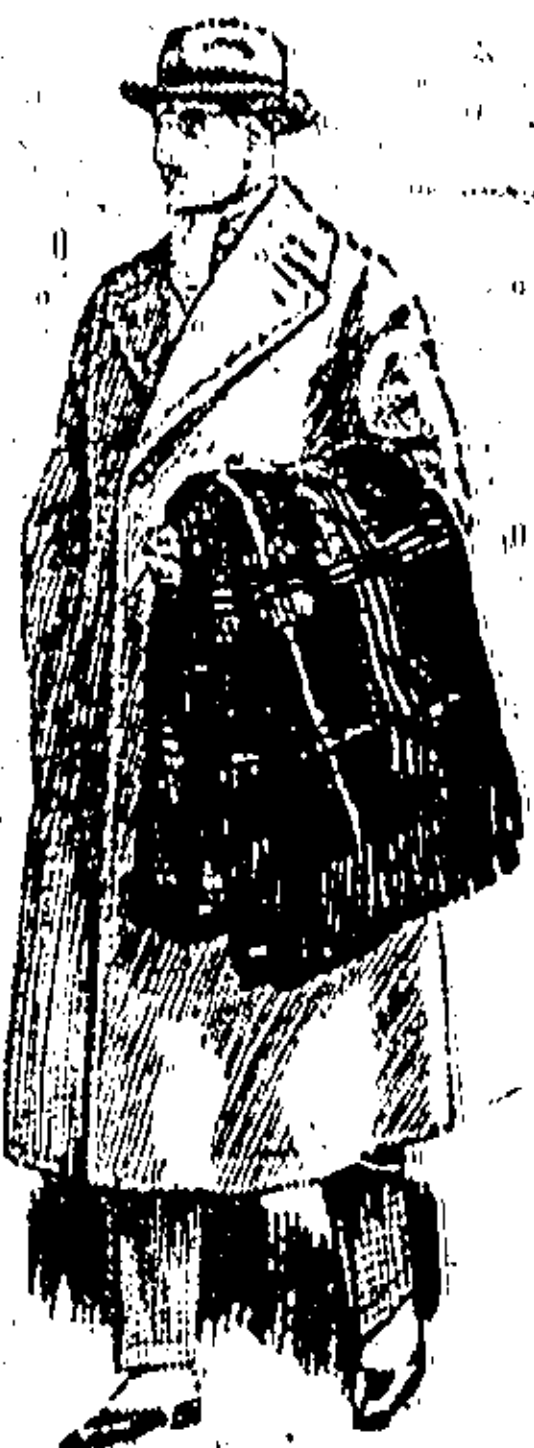
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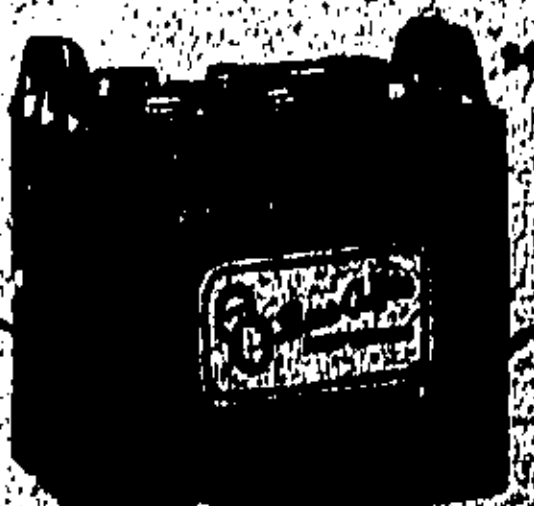
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BRITISH POLICY.

Mr. Eugene Chen and the Memorandum.

LONDON NOT SURPRISED.

Rugby, Jan. 3. In authoritative circles here, no surprise is expressed regarding the tenor of the Note addressed to the United States Government by Mr. Eugene Chen, the Cantonese Foreign Minister, denouncing the memorandum in which, British policy in China was set forth.

That policy can, and should, in British opinion, be applied to China as a whole. The unconditional grant of the Washington Surtaxes is regarded as necessary towards liquidation of the promises made at Washington.

The British memorandum urges that the competent Chinese authorities should decide all questions regarding the disposition and banking of the additional revenues, and this can hardly be called intervention on one side or the other as Mr. Eugene Chen suggests.

Shanghai A Prize.

Regarding Mr. Eugene Chen's statement that the granting of the surtaxes and the disposal of them locally would tend to make Shanghai a theatre of war, it is pointed out that inevitably and regrettably in the course of the civil war in China the centres of trade, such as Shanghai, have always been the goal of the contending factions.

The British proposals would not create a new situation in this respect. British policy has not been influenced by consideration as to which party is in control of Shanghai or any other part of China, nor would it be deflected by the transfer of authority such as Mr. Eugene Chen suggests is likely to take place.

It will be remembered that the surtaxes in fact, if not in name, are already being levied by the Cantonese at the ports controlled by them. Mr. Eugene Chen's note therefore implies that these taxes should be paid to the Cantonese alone but not to their opponents.—British Wireless Service.

A Reuters cable from London today in connection with Mr. Eugene Chen's note mentions the further point that if the unconditional granting of the Washington surtaxes momentarily gives greater benefit to the North than the South, this in itself constitutes a commentary on the Cantonese claim to be regarded as the Government of China.

France's Attitude.

Paris, Jan. 3. Interviewed by "Le Matin" Mr. Briand said in regard to China that the French Government remains firmly attached to the spirit of the Washington agreement. France does not desire to hamper in any manner the movement of Chinese emancipation and will carefully avoid interfering with the internal affairs of the country.—Havas.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's Views. London, Jan. 3. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in an article in the "Socialist Review" says the Canton Government is naturally in a truculent mood, and believes it has beaten us.

The Cantonese are unlikely to take us at our own valuation. We must put ourselves right with them, but a mere scuffle will not do that. The old conditions of China, have imposed on us obligations which remain until we are relieved of them by negotiation.

"Canton must be assumed to have common sense, and once it is assured by the genuineness of our desire to come to terms on a basis of frank recognition of China's nationality and right of self-government, it will surely not object to discuss matters."—Reuters.

Peking Press Views.

Peking, Dec. 28.—The Chinese press' reaction regarding the British Memorandum is either lukewarm or frankly antagonistic, none of the papers really commending the note although it forecasts so strongly a more liberal policy toward China.

The "Chenpao" and others of the vernacular papers go on record as strongly opposed to the slight increases recommended under the terms of the Washington treaty and hold out for nothing less than full Customs Tariff autonomy.

HANKOW RIOT.

Rabble Bayonets British Sailor.

SERIOUS CASUALTIES.

Hankow, Jan. 3. Meeting at various points around the British Concession arranged by the Anti-British Association developed seriously after noon and it became necessary to call up the marines, who with an armoured truck cleared the rabble near the customs without firing.

At two o'clock the crowds gathered again at the customs house on the British bund and made a simultaneous rush in repelling which a sailor fell. His rifle was immediately seized and he was bayoneted through the leg.

Two other serious casualties were caused by carrying poles.

KIANGSI DANGERS.

Rugby, Jan. 3. In view of the difficulty of protecting life owing to the disturbed conditions, the British Government has advised British missionaries to withdraw from the interior of the province of Kiangsi.—British Wireless Service.

and two special constables were slightly wounded.

The position remained serious until eight o'clock this evening, when the mob retired.

A lantern procession organised by the Kuomintang and the anti-British agitators, which it was feared would provoke further trouble, passed off quietly.—Reuters.

"Tribune," is quite vehemently anti-British and while advocating full tariff autonomy, alludes to the memorandum in quite a deprecatory manner, saying among other things of an uncomplimentary nature: "The British leopard cannot change its spots overnight."

France's Attitude.

Paris, December 28.—It may be reliably stated that France does not agree with the British Memorandum advocating a more liberal policy toward China. It prefers to await developments, allowing Canton time to demonstrate its power toward an administrative capacity.

It is believed here that the American and Japanese attitudes are practically identical with that of France.

Attitude at Hankow.

Hankow, Dec. 29. It is understood that the British Memorandum has created a bad impression in Nationalist Government circles here. The opinion is expressed that the granting of the Washington surtaxes to local authorities is equivalent to giving the political enemies of the Nationalists two-thirds of the Washington surtax, while the Nationalists receive one-third.

The Nationalists also assert that the step would have a repercussion in promoting civil war, as it would place the treaty ports at a premium, whereas Peking in the past has been the golden prize of militarists (it being the point of disbursement of the Customs revenues) the suggested payment of surtaxes to local authorities would add innumerable bones of contention.

It is stated that the Nationalist Government intend to send a strong Note to the British Government in this connection and to oppose the adoption of the measures suggested. They hope for the early return of Mr. Miles Lampson to Hankow and the resumption of the conversations between him and Mr. Eugene Chen towards a definite conclusion.

Nationalist circles explain that the present anti-imperialist movement has a two-fold object. Firstly, they say, the existence of the Diplomatic Body in Peking and extrajurisdictional tend to impose a super-Government on China in that they involve dictation to China by outsiders, the Nationalists aim at elimination of this and will only negotiate separately with the Powers. Secondly, the movement teaches the Chinese the spirit of independence, without which the Government cannot be a true one.

BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

Trade Hopes for New Year.

PRIME MINISTER'S REVIEW.

London, Jan. 3. The New Year opens in a spirit of hopefulness long unknown in industrial circles. Substantial orders have been placed with manufacturers in Lancashire, Yorkshire, the Clyde and the Midlands following the conclusion of the coal stoppage.

Signs are not wanting that the King's New Year message appealing for goodwill has been taken to heart by the industrial peace-makers.

Lord Wimborne recently gave a private luncheon to hear the pronouncement of Lord D'Abernon regarding the situation in Germany and to discuss how far German solutions of industrial problems are applicable in Britain.

It is now learned that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Winston Churchill, and leading Industrial Labour leaders were among the guests.

With reference to the report of the luncheon, a politically important Trade Union official today told Reuters that there was a friendly, informal talk about the industrial position at the end. The peace atmosphere was so satisfactory that the hope was expressed that the people immediately concerned might get together again.

Prospects of a Boom.

The Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, in an article in the "Advertising World" optimistically reviews the prospects for a restoration of trade if all work together. He says: "Our problem is to produce goods and to let the world know we have them. I have no fears on the production side, but on the selling side we must modernise our methods and employ the recent great developments in art and advertising."

Mr. Terrell, President of the Union of Manufacturers, in the same paper, contemplates the prospects of a boom in trade which are very bright on account of increased costs of production on the Continent which will seriously affect the Continent's capacity for export. Therefore there will be less of the fierce competition which in the past few years has been so disastrous to British industry.—Reuters.

ALEX. ROSS & CO. ROBBED.

Mr. C. E. Goetz, of Messrs. Alexander Ross and Company has reported to the police that sometime between 2 and 10 p.m. on January 2, thieves broke into the firm's premises at 4 Queen's Road Central and secured three bales of white serge valued at \$1,050.

\$45,000.

LEFT BY GODOWN WATCHMAN.

MOTOR SMASH ECHO.

Although only a watchman employed at Mody Godown, West Point, Ouyang Singh, who was killed in the Shek-O motor smash on July 10, left estate of the net value of \$45,000.

Letters of administration have now been granted to Naranjan Singh, his nephew.

The deceased was well known among the Indian community as a successful money lender.

The motor smash in which he lost his life occurred while a car, owned by Mr. Lam Yung-tang, was negotiating a curve on Shek-O Road. All the passengers were Indian money lenders and the car was under the control of an Indian driver. Two passengers received fatal injuries, the other being Sunder Singh, who expired the following day in hospital.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on January 3 was 1/2.

CHANG TSO-LIN.

Friends With Adviser Again.

A NOTE TO THE POWERS.

Peking, Jan. 4. Yang Yu-ting's alleged differences with Chang Tso-lin are evidently healed, for he arrived at Peking on Sunday afternoon. It is understood his chief object is to assist Chang Tso-lin draw up an important statement which he is expected to issue shortly as regards Fengtien policy.

A message from Changchow states that Chin Yun-ao is reported to have handed over his troops to Tien Wei-chun and to have retired to his private residence at Chikungshan.—Reuters.

The Expected Note.

Peking, Dec. 28.—It is expected that Marshal Chang Tso-lin will shortly instruct Mr. Wu, Chief of

CHANG AND SURTAXES.

Peking, Dec. 29. On his arrival here, Marshal Chang Tso-lin issued a communication, announcing that the surtaxes decided upon at the Washington Conference would be collected at all open ports throughout the country.

The Foreign Affairs Department belonging to the Ankuochun Army to present the following manifesto of his aims to the Diplomatic Corps:

1.—Formation of a stable Government.

2.—The Ankuochun will adopt the principle of moderation in diplomacy.

3.—The Ankuochun will observe the validity of Treaties concluded between China and foreign Powers.

4.—The Ankuochun will admit China's debts to foreign Powers.

5.—The Ankuochun is opposed to Bolshevism.

6.—The Ankuochun will prohibit anti-imperialistic movements and propaganda of strikes.

7.—The Ankuochun, which is against Bolshevism, hopes that foreign Powers will render assistance to the Ankuochun, considering that Bolshevism is the enemy of the world.

Earlier Messages.

Peking, Dec. 20. The dismissal of Mr. Cheng Chien from the post of Chief of the Political Bureau of the Ankuochun is confirmed. Relations between him and Marshal Chang Tso-lin are reported to be very strained, but reliable circles deny that General Yang Yu-ting has been dismissed from the post of Chief Adviser to the Marshal.

It is now stated that General Yang Yu-ting has urged the adoption of one of two courses, firstly, a compromise with the Kuomintang and abandonment of the campaign, or, failing that, very vigorous prosecution of the campaign both against the Kuomintang and the Kuomintang. The latter course is now being adopted and it is evident that preparations are going on for a struggle on a very large scale.

According to the "Chen Pao," the friction among Marshal Wu Pei-fu's generals has come to a head. Marshal Wu Pei-fu ordered General Tien Wei-chin and Kuo Ying-chien to disarm. General Chin Yun-ao's troops, and this led to fighting between Chengchow and Hainyangchow on the night of December 27.

The "Chen Pao" says that if General Chin's men are successfully disarmed, Marshal Wu Pei-fu would then be able to commence operations in the direction of Hupeh and Western Honan.—Reuters.

Another Version.

Mukden, Dec. 28. With reference to the report that Marshal Chang Tso-lin has discharged his Chief of Staff, General Yang Yu-ting, and ex-Civil Governor of Kiangsu, Mr. Chen Chien, had issued orders for their examination. It has now transpired that Mr. Chen Chien, at a meeting held in Tientsin on the 28th, tendered his resignation for a violent altercation with Marshal Chang, but that Marshal Chang had not dismissed him, and that examination orders were not issued.

LEFT TO DIE.

Horrors of Nicaragua Battle.

A FEAST FOR VULTURES.

Managua, Jan. 3. A macabre spectacle of thousands of vultures engaged in loathsome orgies marks the scene of last week's very bloody battle between the Liberals and the Conservatives, where indescribable heaps of corpses, many of whom were wounded men left to die, have been abandoned without any attempt at removal for burial.

The Liberals numbered 1,800 and the Conservatives 1,300. At least 300 and 150 were killed and wounded on both sides.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Conservatives has decided to mobilise every fit man between twelve and fifty.—Reuters's American Service.

Liberal Claims.

Mexico City, Jan. 3. Zepeda, the Liberals' representative in Mexico, claims that 800 Conservatives were taken prisoner at Las Perlas.—Reuters's American Service.

American Landing.

New York, Jan. 3. The Nicaraguan Liberal leader Sacasa, in a message to the "New York World" complains bitterly of the "unjustified and unnecessary" landing of American marines at Puerto Cabezas.

He adds that Nicaraguans repudiated Diaz, whose only support is the United States, while he describes the accusations that Mexico is assisting the Liberals as a report of Bolshevik influences at work and merely propaganda.—Reuters's American Service.

Earlier Messages.

Managua, Jan. 3. President Diaz, in the course of a statement addressed to the American and foreign public, declared that the future of Nicaragua and ultimately all Central America was at stake in the present conflict between his government and Mexico.

The President alleged that an expedition bringing arms and ammunition and aeroplanes with Mexican military personnel, outfit by the Calles Government, was hourly expected to seek a landing on the coast of Nicaragua. He added that the landing of American marines was for the protection of American and foreign lives and property but that it had in nowise favoured his Government.—Reuters's American Service.

PAWN TICKET CLUE.

HOW A THIEF WAS CAUGHT.

Arriving in the Colony on a five days' visit from Canton, a Chinese thought he would replenish his wardrobe before returning to his home. The appropriation of a quantity of clothing the property of a fellow-lodger did not prove difficult. But a Chinese detective, observing the man throw a pawn ticket into a nullah, thought it his duty to investigate matters. The result was that, following his appearance before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, the visitor's return to Canton will be delayed for the three weeks, which he will spend in Victoria Jail.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Prior to the sitting of the Full Court this morning, members of both branches of the legal profession in Hong Kong, who were present in large numbers, took the opportunity to congratulate Sir Joseph KEMP K.C., Attorney General, on the honour of Knighthood conferred on him by His Majesty the King.

EMPEROR'S ILLNESS.

Tokyo, Jan. 4. The Emperor is in bed ill with fever. He has lost his appetite. "Aspermatism" (impotence) due to nervous exhaustion is believed to be not far from the cause.

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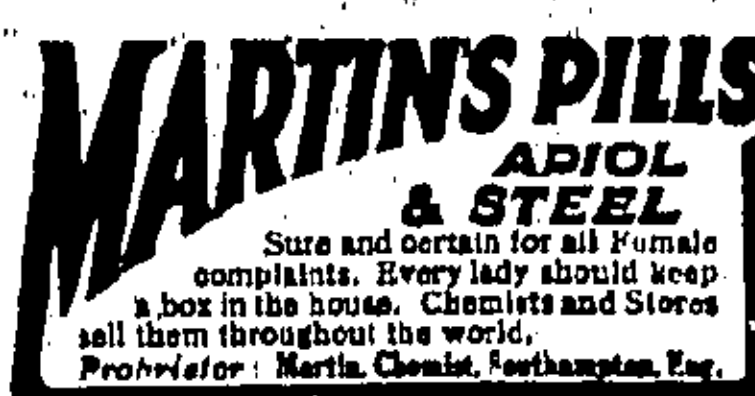
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ARMS CHARGES.

SEQUEL TO KOWLOON FINDS.

The three Chinese passengers
found in possession of arms
upon the arrival in port of the
"President Grant" on Sunday
afternoon, each pleaded ignor-
ance of the Colony's laws when
charged before Mr. T. W. Ains-
worth at the Kowloon Magistracy
yesterday afternoon.

The first defendant, who was
charged with carrying a dagger
in his baggage, disclaimed
ownership of the trunk in which
the weapon was found. Admit-
ting possession of the key to the
trunk, the defendant claimed
that it belonged to another man
whose name was painted on its
side. His Worship adjourned
the case until this morning in
order that the trunk might be
brought into Court.

The other two defendants,
charged respectively with pos-
sessing 350 rounds and a police
revolver and 49 rounds were
fined \$200 and \$100.

On the application of Sgt.
Goodwin, his Worship made an
order for the confiscation of the
arms and ammunition found on
the No. 4 Kowloon Wharf on
Sunday morning. This comprised
five German rifles, one Mauser
pistol, one revolver, 650 rounds
of rifle ammunition, 200 rounds
of Mauser ammunition, 50 Win-
chester ammunition and 50
rounds of revolver ammunition,
one tin of smokeless powder,
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ON HIS THRONE IN PYJAMAS.

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one of the women members brought
civil and criminal charges against
him he could not be found. It was
supposed that he had fled the coun-
try.

Now it appears that he had been
living all the time in the adminis-
tration building of the colony,
which is surrounded by dense
groves of trees. Shortly after mid-
night twenty police encircled the
house, which they illuminated by
searchlights. They found the
"king" seated on his throne in
pyjamas. He was carried into
court by four of his bearded dis-
ciples and was released on \$10,000
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Rugby, Jan. 3.

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with the Duke and Duchess of
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Thursday.

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Panama Canal to Marquesas
Islands, Fiji and Auckland. Six-
teen days will be spent in touring
New Zealand, and the vessel is due
at Sydney, Australia, on March 20.
—British Wireless Service.

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE SOCIAL CODE" TO-DAY TO THURSDAY.

"In 'The Social Code' Miss
Dana turns from light comedy to
drama and offers one of the most
captivating, performances wit-
nessed for some long time.

As a member of the Long
Island society colony, Miss Dana
enacts the role of a young girl
who faces disgrace to protect her
married sister. The role calls
for a number of highly dramatic
and emotional scenes, in each of
which the charming little star
acquits herself superbly. "The
Social Code" is another genuine
triumph for Miss Dana and will
be hailed with delight by her
many admirers.

Supporting the star are
Malcolm McGregor, playing a
juvenile role in excellent fashion;
Edna Flugarth, sister of the star
both in real and reel life; Huntly
Gordon, Cyril Chadwick, John
Sainpolis and William Humphrey.
These players have all been well
chosen for their respective parts
and work for the general good of
the picture as a whole rather
than for individual glory. The
result is a decidedly well acted
photodrama.

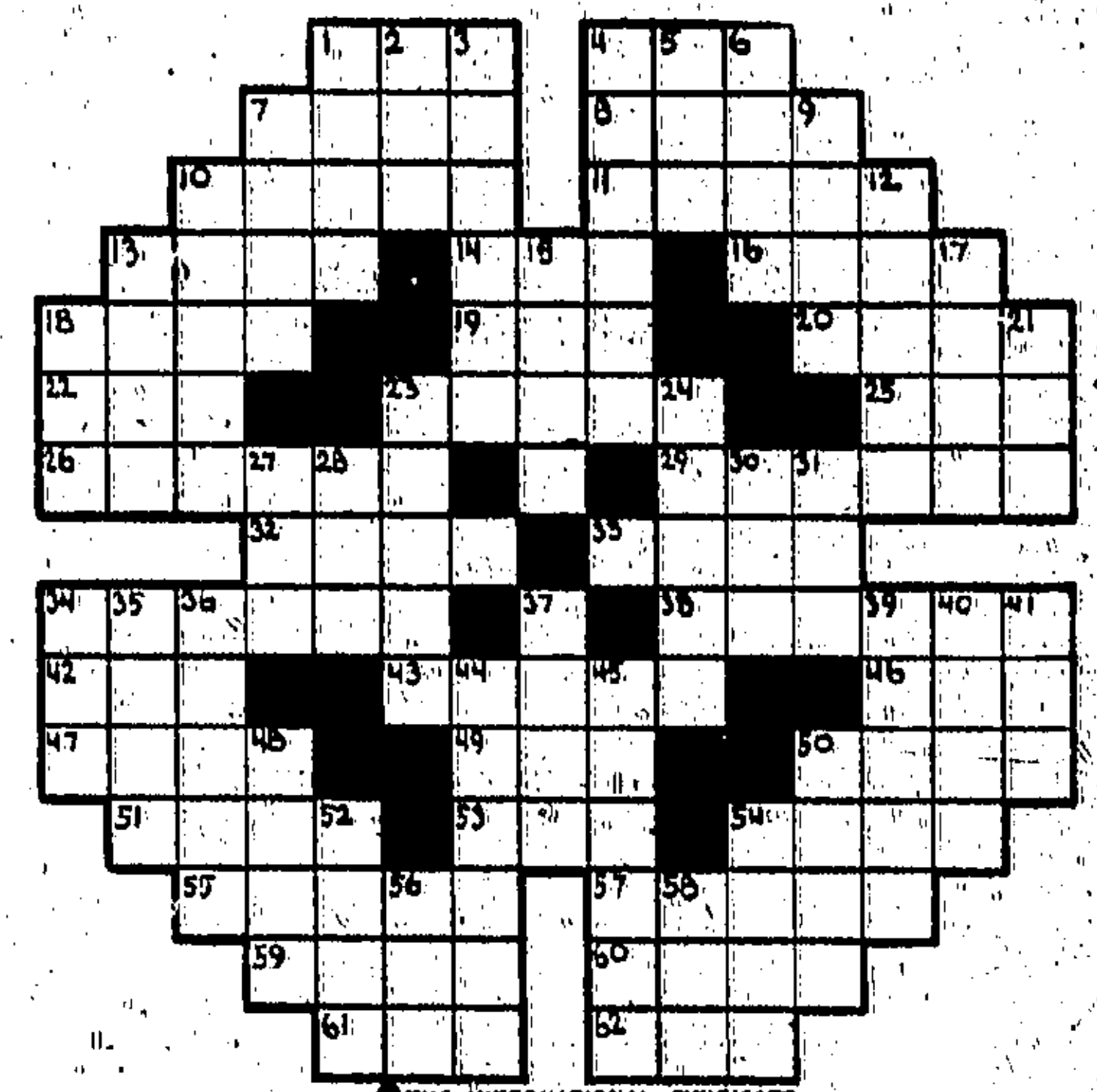
The story is built around the
mystery of the murder of a
notorious clubman and it holds
spectators breathless with sus-
pense.

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OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Tabot. | 49-And (German). | 37-Vehemence |
| 4-A low fellow | 50-Ireland (Poet). | 18-Draft animal |
| 7-Tail plant. | 51-Lecture (abbr.) | 21-Royal Geographic |
| 8-Falsifier | 52-Drive (abbr.) | 32-Society (abbr.) |
| 10-Acquire | 53-Graven image | 23-Plural of "thief" |
| 11-Man's name. | 54-Complete | 24-Auxiliary verb |
| 13-Sport | 57-Bury | 27-Article |
| 14-"As it stands" | 58-Report of Algeria | 28-Kind of lettuce |
| (Mya). | 59-Reluctantly willing | 30-Western State of |
| 16-Builders of Ark | 61-Feminine | U. S. (abbr.) |
| 18-Wing-shaped | 62-A number | 31-Little devil |
| 19-Even (contr.) | | 34-Pat |
| 20-Row | VERTICAL | 35-Mountains of |
| 22-Man's name | 1-Implies | E. Europe |
| (Familiar) | 2-Combining form. | 36-Regenerate |
| 23-Look | Air | 37-An air |
| 25-Loiter | 3-Closer | 39-Mistake |
| 26-Grab | 4-Purifies | 40-To vex |
| 28-Lifts up | 6-Mile | 41-A fault |
| 29-Cry of owl | 8-Daybreak | 42-High playing card |
| 33-Injure | 7-A rant | (pl.) |
| 34-Compulsion | 9-Tumult | 45-Drifting |
| 35-Leprosy sufferers | 10-South-American | 46-Paradise |
| 36-Part of verb "to be" | animal | 47-Ripped |
| 38-Adequate | 12-Telone | 48-Timesay (abbr.) |
| 42-King (French) | 13-Concort | 49-The (Spanish) |
| 47-A scourge | 15-Around | 50-No (Scottish) |

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure.
These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn
to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the
numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically of both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will
appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word
puzzle.)

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AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS
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MOCK AUCTIONS.

TRICKS FOR FLEECING THE
PUBLIC.

Revelations of the practices of
mock auctioneers have been made
in the course of an investigation
carried out by the Incorporated
Society of Auctioneers and Land-
ed Property Agents.

Every pitch or sale is attended
by two or three "ricks" or "gees"
—confederates of the auc-
tioneers. When the auctioneer
has his audience sufficiently ex-
cited by "plunder" lines—those
given away to create interest—he
puts up a "hinton lot," appar-
ently worth about 22. He instructs
his footman to wrap it up and
charge the lady only 2s. for it.
The clerk makes a pained pro-
test, but is instructed to mind
his own business. The footman
disappears, ostensibly to wrap
the article up, but quietly re-
places it in stock, while the au-
dience's attention is attracted by
another offer.

The hammerer now begins to
knock down some good lots to his
"ricks" who bid up to 23 for an
article which is covered up, and
the auctioneer shows his appre-
ciation of their trust by giving
it to them for nothing. Con-
fidence thus engendered in the
audience, the auctioneer's work is
now quite easy.

POPPY DAY MEANNESS.

The Poppy Day collection at Leeds
in aid of Earl Haig's fund for ex-
Service men has exceeded the total
of previous years.
The boxes, however, have been
found to contain a number of "for-
eign coins, an aluminium clockwork
ticket, an aluminium disc with a
portrait of a footballer, and a brass
dog-collar tag.

PRIZE FOR NECKTIES.

A rich silk manufacturer at Como
has offered a prize of about £875
to whoever supplies him with the
best patterns for silk neckties.
The competition is open to all
nations and the committee, which
will select the winner, includes
several prominent Italian and
foreign artists and industrialists.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

TAURUS THROWS
H POSTERIOR H
IN SEE ONE TO
ROT DEPOT END
STOP LIP BEAD
TAPER T SONNY
T CATCHER H
DIVAN H PALMS
ROAN PEN HEAT
ANN MORAL ATE
IS FIF DOG EA
N CONTRIVED K
STORES REMHS

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO. LTD.

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grams are lying at the office of the
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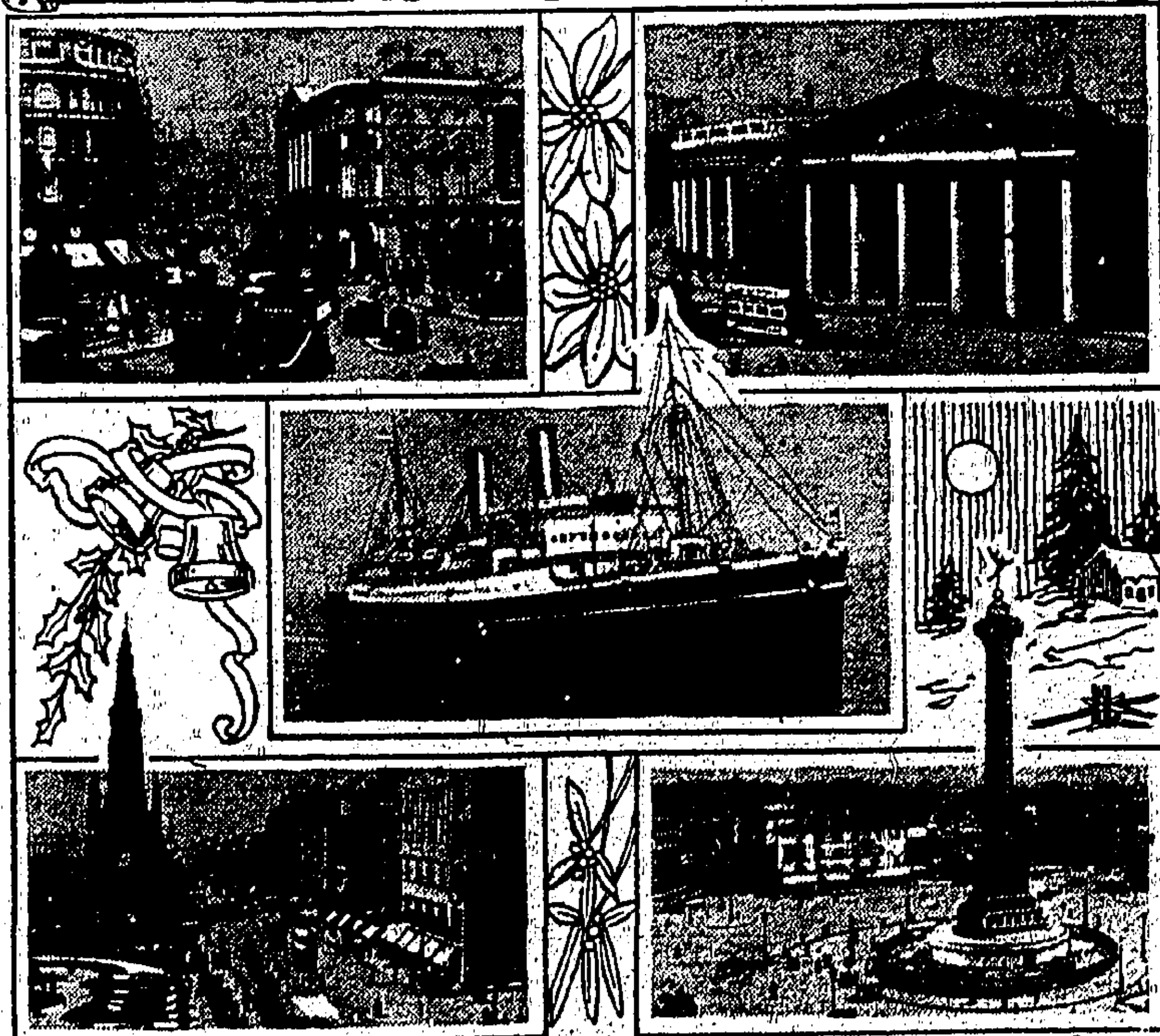
K. Gohs, from Osaka.
Cleomedon, from Boaton.
Caphos, from Shanghai.
H. D. Chang, 5, Shelly Street,
Floor, from Shanghai.
Miss Simmons, Bowen Road, from
Yokohama.
Afonasief, from Nagasaki.
Dantonchan, from Shimonoeki.
Miss Kathleen Simmons, Bowen
Road, from Radio Carnavanham.
Chosiradil.
Wallington, 12, Ventries Road
from Kobe.
Lydon, from Shanghai.
Franyelin, from New York.
Crescendo, from Norristown.
E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong Station, Dec. 30, 1926.

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List of Unclaimed Telegrams
lying in E. E. Telegraph Office
Hong Kong.

Mrs. Peterson, Peak Hotel, from
Penang.
Pesam, from New York.
Marlan, from Seattle.
Edo, Hong Kong Hotel, from
Oldcastle.
Allen, Care American Consulate,
from Sydney.
Ross, 1, Duddell, from Bangkok.
Jameschen, American Consulate,
from Balikpapan.
Yarru, from Manila.
E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 30th Dec. 1926.

Christmas and New Year in England



Upper Left—Piccadilly Circus, London. Upper Right—Bank of Ireland, Dublin. Lower left—Sir Walter Scott's
Monument, Edinburgh. Lower Right—Place de la Bastille, Paris. Centre—Canadian Pacific liner "Montcalm."

It is at Christmas time that the ties of family and friends are strongest and Christmas can only be Christ-
mas for you in one place in all the world. In order to meet the heavy traffic, the Canadian Pacific Railway
run special trains from western Canada for the Christmas sailings for Great Britain and Europe. The first of these
sailings was by the C.P. liner "Malita," and tourists from all points in the West assembled at Edmonton, Calgary,
Moose Jaw and Winnipeg where through tourist cars were operated to the ship's side.

But the real rush to the Old Country for Christmas commenced with the sailing of the C.P. liner "Montcalm"
on December 7 for which a special train was run to ship side at Saint John. It was equipped with through tourist
cars from Edmonton, Calgary, Moose Jaw and Winnipeg and passengers travelled on the ship to Liverpool via Bel-
fast. This was followed by the sailings of C.P. liners "Metagama," on December 11 and by "Minidosa" and
"Montcalm," on December 15 from Saint John. The first went to Liverpool via Greenock; the second to Oshoroug,
Southampton and Antwerp; and the third to Liverpool via Belfast. The sailing of the "Metagama," on Decem-
ber 11 was also augmented by that of the s.s. "Ledita" on the same day. Special C.P. trains from western
points to both of these ships carried passengers direct to the dock at Saint John.

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M.V. "VIMINALE" Sails on or about 3rd Feb., 1927.

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S.S. "VENEZIA" Sails on or about 7th Jan., 1927.
S.S. "ROMOLO" Sails on or about 4th Feb., 1927.
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ALTAI MARU Sails on Sunday, 9th January.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.

MANILA MARU Sails on Monday, 17th January.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

INDUS MARU Sails on Tuesday, 4th January.

SHINGO MARU Sails on Friday, 7th January.

HONOLULU MARU Sails on Saturday, 15th January.

KOBE MARU Sails on Sunday, 15th January.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MONROVIA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

CHICAGO MARU Sails on Saturday, 22nd January.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

SEATTLE MARU Sails on Tuesday, 25th January.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

SEKKOW MARU Sails on End of January.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan.

AFRICA MARU Sails on Thursday, 6th January.

HAIPHONG—Via Hong Kong & PAKHOL.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.

JAPAN PORTS.

AMAZON MARU Sails on Friday, 14th January.

SANUKI MARU Sails on Tuesday, 25th January.

KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.

KAIJO MARU Sails on Sunday, 9th January, 10 a.m.

TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.

KOKU MARU Sails on Saturday, 8th January.

BATAVIA MARU Sails on Saturday, 20th January.

DAIREN Via CHEFOO & TSINGTAO.

RYUKO MARU Sails on Middle of January.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

"SUNNING" TRIAL.

FURTHER EVIDENCE HEARD TO-DAY.

SEARCH OF ACCUSED.

At the resumed hearing of the "Sunning" piracy case at the Central Magistracy this morning, the Crown Solicitor recalled Det. Sub-Ins. Lane, who said that in the cabin in which the loot had been stored, he found a suit case containing a quantity of ammunition. Witness also found a European overcoat in the pocket of which was a letter addressed to Mr. H. W. Lapsley.

Continuing, witness said that he saw the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 8th defendants brought to the Central Police Station. He searched each man who had a number painted on his back, but found nothing incriminating on any man except No. 5 who was wearing a cardigan jacket which had been identified by a Chinese 2nd class passenger.

Witness put a guard of European and Indian police officers on board the "Sunning" that evening, returning to the ship himself at 7 o'clock on the following morning, when the contents of the cabin containing the loot were removed to the Central Police Station and put in a strong room of which witness kept the key.

In reply to further questions, witness said that he found a large quantity of baggage in the steerage quarters. This also was removed to Central Police Station, each defendant being afforded an opportunity for inspecting it. The 6th accused claimed several articles including a small trunk in which witness found a rain coat which was subsequently claimed by Mrs. Anderson (a previous witness).

The remainder of this morning's hearing was occupied by the identification of other articles previously put in as exhibits by other witnesses.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Among the first-class passengers on the "American" Mail liner "President Grant," arrived at Hong Kong from Seattle on Jan. 3 were:—

Mr. G. Agfelfbaum, Mr. L. J. Cave, Mr. Paul Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dollar, Mr. E. C. Duncan, Mr. A. H. Fenwick, Miss C. Heferon, Mrs. F. H. Jackson, Mr. M. B. Karanjia, Mr. W. Kengman, Mr. W. Kozol, Mr. F. H. Jackson, Mr. E. D. Morrison, Mr. Obey, Mr. R. L. Parker, Mr. P. Rippington, Capt. P. H. Rolfe, Sir Shoushon Chow, Mr. E. F. Townsend.

Saloon passengers arrived at Hong Kong from Sydney and Manila by the E. & A. S.S. Co.'s "Arafura" on Jan. 3 were:—

The Rev. F. H. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Miss D. Robertson, Miss E. E. Goodson, Mr. E. W. Dawson, Dr. E. Brister, Mr. and Mrs. Grossman, Mrs. L. and Duibar, Miss A. Keifer (for Yokohama).

DEPARTURES.

First class passengers who sailed from Hong Kong for Manila on the American Mail liner "President Grant" on Jan. 3 included:—

Mr. E. V. Agren, Mr. H. Bunnings, Dr. D. H. Brien, Mrs. E. R. Capehart, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. and Miss Velma Cochran, Mr. H. Cohen, Mr. S. A. Covell, Mr. L. Garner, Mr. A. A. Harris, Mr. M. and Mrs. M. Hodges, Mr. H. C. Lind, Mr. R. Luther, Mrs. M. Luther, Mr. A. McMillan, Mr. A. H. Raymond, Mr. Joseph Robins, Miss M. Van Deman, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Wilson, Mrs. F. Woodworth, Mr. Frank H. Hege, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Steiff, Mrs. E. Bunnings, Mr. and Mrs. John Landahl, Mr. F. Custodio, Mr. Ludvig Klepe, Miss L. Klepe, Mr. Hans F. Gaiser, Rt. Rev. C. E. and Mrs. Duppuy, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kinnaid, Mr. and Mrs. E. and Miss M. Greuter, Mr. A. H. Ford, Miss Maria Rosado, the Misses C. D. and E. Greuter, Mrs. Valerie Ulrich, Miss Mayer, Ulrich, Mr. Koemigle, Mr. Oliver, Leo, Miss F. Poles, Mrs. H. D. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Meyer, Mr. G. B. Roobach, Mrs. C. D. Wilson.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of cargo ex "Arafura" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after January 10 will be subject to sale.

SHIPPING NOTES.

VESSELS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hong Kong were reported:—

Arafura (3,401 tons) British, from Melbourne, Manila, M.M. & Co.—317 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,482 tons for ports beyond, 66 passengers.

Japanese Prince (3,874) Brit., from New York, Shanghai, Furness Far East Line—115 tons H.K., 448 tons beyond.

Yorck (6,004) German, from Kobe, Shanghai, Melchers & Co.—3 cases general cargo H.K., 1,400 tons beyond, 40 passengers.

Borneo Maru (4,261) Japanese, from Bombay, Singapore, O.S.K.—151 tons H.K., 5,439 tons beyond, 2 passengers.

Delago Maru (4,378) Jap., from Osaka, Shanghai, N.Y.K.—7½ tons H.K., 12,858 tons beyond.

Haimun (841) Chinese, from Kwong-chow-wan, Macao, Foo Yow S.S. Co.—460 tons H.K.

Wing Wo (508) Chi., from Fort Bayard, Yew. Kee.—120 tons beyond.

Departures.

For Canton: Bintang, Nisahn Maru, Suiyang, Taikwa Maru, Poo Tye.

For Manila: President Grant, President Adams.

For Nauru: Leverbank.

For Swatow: Lushan Maru.

For Keelung: Annam Maru.

For Hoihow: Dorry.

For Au Tau: Tak Hing.

Clearances.

For Shanghai: Deike Richmers.

For Canton: Hubro.

For Takao: Nitto Maru.

For Singapore: Hosang.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day, the following numbers of vessels were in ports.

British 29
Panama 1
Norwegian 6
German 2
Japanese 8
Chinese 16
Dutch 4
Portuguese 3
French 1

Total 70

During the holidays there were 57 arrivals (19 British, 13 Japanese, 5 Norwegian, 9 Chinese, 1 Danish, 2 Dutch, 2 French, 4 German, 2 American) and 54 departures (15 British, 13 Japanese, 4 Norwegian, 9 Chinese, 1 Danish, 3 Dutch, 3 French, 3 German, 3 American).

The China Boreo S.S. Co.'s "Lok Sun" sails from Hong Kong on Jan. 9 for Borneo.

One Chinese deck passenger on the "Arafura" died between Melbourne and Hong Kong.

A NEW FUNNEL.

BLUE STAR SERVICE DESIGN.

The question of funnel painting is not nearly as unimportant an item in the consideration of a shipping company as many people would like to imagine—a fact that is proved by the stacks which are now being fitted to practically every passenger motorship, "ornaments a Liverpool shipping paper." When the new Blue Star passenger service to the River Plate was first mentioned there was a good deal of speculation as to what funnel they would adopt, for their Continental competitors on the South American trade have some very striking designs, and that sort of thing certainly makes an impression in those waters. The funnel that had long been borne by their cargo ships is distinctive—a red funnel with a black top, the red having painted in it a large white circle with a blue star. For their passenger service, however, they felt that they wanted something rather different, and at the same time wished to regain the old connection in the minds of their clients. Therefore, the new ships of the "A" class will be given what is really a combination of the existing funnel and one that was once well known but has now been lost by amalgamation. The only real difference will be that the black top is made unusually deep, and into it is inserted a white line. It seems a small enough difference, but it makes a very striking alteration to the appearance of the ship, and is distinguishable for a very considerable distance. The colour scheme is completed by white upperworks, a black hull, and red boot topping.

Kingston has ceased to be a free port, as the Legislature has placed a tax of one penny per ton on shipping as a harbour light duty (states a Jamaica message).

CANADIAN PACIFIC

QUICKEST TIME ACROSS THE PACIFIC TO VICTORIA & VANCOUVER.

STRAMERS	SAILINGS 1927.	H'Kong	Shanghai	Kobe	Yokohama	Yokohama	Yokohama
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Jan. 6	Jan. 9	Jan. 12	Jan. 15	Jan. 18	Jan. 21	Jan. 24
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 7	Feb. 10	Feb. 13
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Feb. 28	Mar. 3	Mar. 6
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 21	Mar. 24	Mar. 27
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 11	Apr. 14	Apr. 17
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 2	May 5	May 8
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 23	May 26	May 29
EMPEROR OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 13	June 16	June 19
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 4	July 7	July 10
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 23	July 26	July 29

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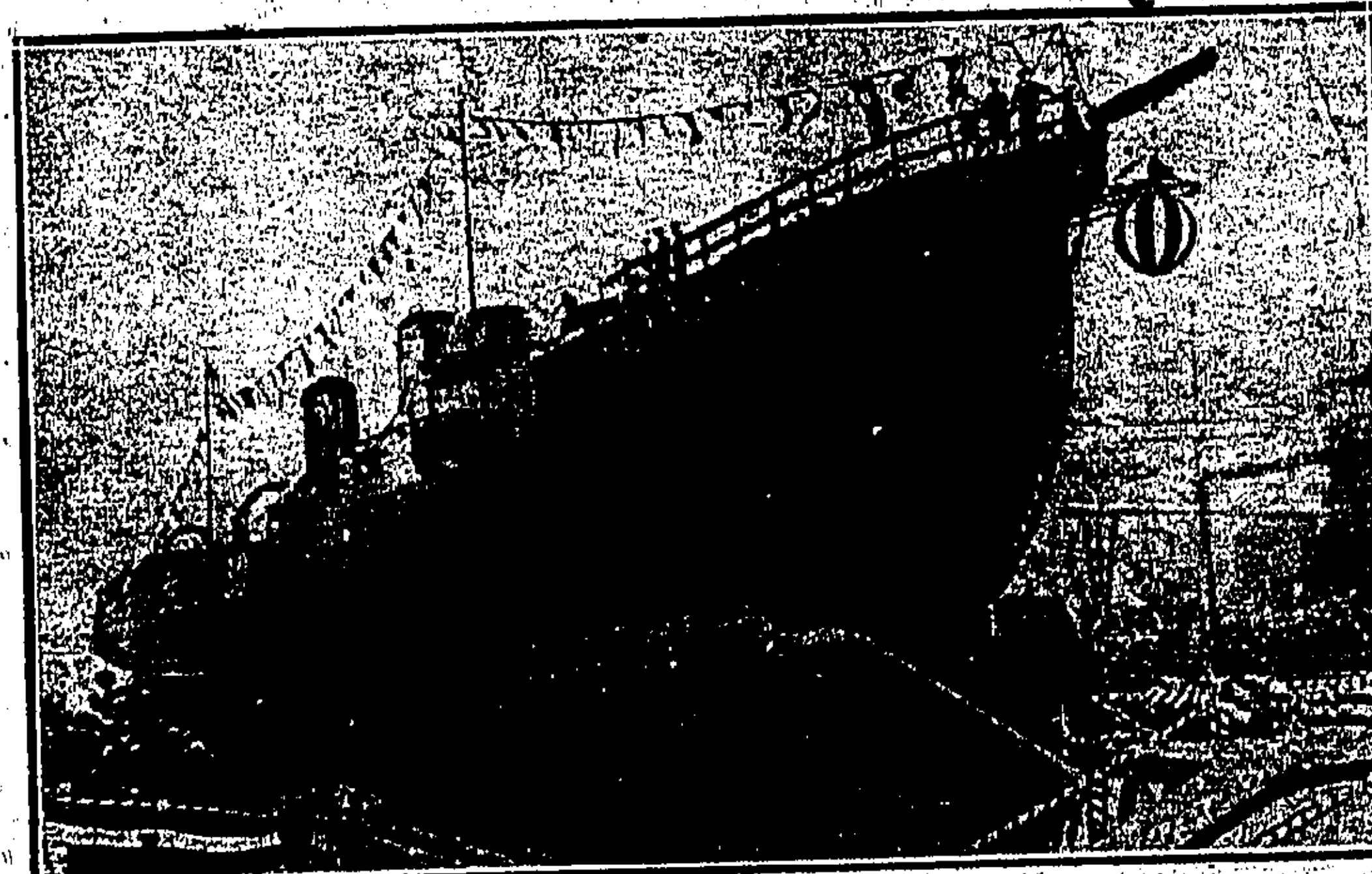
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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong About	Destination
NYANZA	7,023	5th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MALWA	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London
KALYAN	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,097	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KASHGAR	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	8,652	2nd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MANTUA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles and London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NYANZA	7,023	18th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MONGOLIA	16,504	19th March	Marseilles and London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles and London
DEVANHA	8,155	9th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,128	16th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles and London
KHIVA	10,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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ARAFURA	6,000	28th Jan.	Nanhai, Kolambagan, Thursday
TANDA	6,950	4th March	Island, Townsville, Brisbane
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Sydney & Melbourne
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ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	6th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
MOREA	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TILAWA	10,900	12th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
KASHGAR	9,005	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TALMA	10,900	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NELLORE	8,652	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NAGPORE	5,285	6th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,950	8th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	13th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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MALWA	10,941	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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METAL TRADES GAIN.

The deplorable position into which many branches of the metal trades have been thrown by the prolonged coal dispute adds additional point to the excellent work carried out by the Royal Metal Trades' Pension and Benevolent Society, and reinforces its appeal for further support. The present situation naturally has had serious results for very many of the employees of the large number of firms which have been unfavourably affected. The society was founded in 1843, and in the course of its history has assisted 2,170 persons to the extent of £271,000. The present pensioners on the books number 260, and the relief given during the past twelve months amounted to £7,125.

These figures were given at the 78th anniversary dinner, which was held in the Guildhall. As the Prince of Wales, who attended the dinner, pointed out, post-war conditions have put a severe strain on the funds of the society, since a pension which might have been thought adequate in former times is quite insufficient now. As His Royal Highness stated, the present object of the board of management is to increase the annual income by £10,000. It had been estimated that there were 30,000 firms engaged in the manufacture and distribution of metal and hardware, and that there must be at least an average of five persons in each firm capable of subscribing to their own trade charity, or a total of 150,000 in all. It was well to remember that any of these possible subscribers might conceivably find himself in the position of having to depend personally on the good work of the society.

The Prime Minister, a past chairman of the anniversary dinner, in a letter to the chairman, Sir T. Vansittart Bowater, pointed out that there must be thousands of employees who would be prepared to subscribe to the society if the good work accomplished by it were clearly brought to their notice, and he urged all employers to assist in doing this.

Mr. Alexander K. Steven, the chairman of the board of management, stated that, although the exceptional industrial conditions of the time had prevented the society from making as much progress during the last few months as they might otherwise have made, they had none the less obtained a record collection.

The anniversary dinner was a very successful function and should assist the society in the commendable work it is doing. £8,745 was collected during the evening, the only unfortunate feature of which was the absence, owing to illness, of the Lord Mayor, Sir William Pryke, who has been so closely associated with the society. "Engineering."

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

For going on board the s.s. "Takada" without permission, a Chinese was sentenced, at the Marine Court this morning, to a month's hard labour.

The master of a trading junk was fined \$10 for carrying 12 passengers more than allowed in the licence.

The master of a cargo boat was fined \$5 for causing an obstruction alongside the s.s. "Dorcy."

IDEA DISPELLED.

PHILIPPINES INDEPENDENCE
FAR AWAY.

POLITICIANS' AGITATION.

Washington, October 23.—Colonel Thompson's report of his findings in the Philippines is not yet public, but those about him seem to have little doubt that he will advise against any acquiescence in the demand of the Filipino politicians for immediate independence.

In spite of the heroic efforts of these gentlemen, Colonel Thompson's trip and the publicity it has had in this country have fairly well dispelled the idea that there is any widespread demand for independence among the Filipinos.

The demand is one created and kept under the strictest discipline by the highly accomplished politicians of the islands.

Even these politicians seem prepared to make the best of the fact that their chances for complete independence have gone gimmering. Manuel Quezon is the most insistent of them, and even he is reported as ready for a compromise. It is to be noted, however, that his compromise suggestion carries with it the idea of the complete control of the island finances by the Filipino politicians.

Therein is the point of the whole question. Those who oppose such control point to the results of Filipino management during the regime of Governor Harrison, who administered the islands under President Wilson.

The politicians make no serious attempt to palliate the disastrous results of their efforts, but reply that they would rather have the worst kind of government by themselves than the best kind by the United States. Doubtless they are sincere, but Colonel Thompson and many other observers have failed to find any enthusiastic support of this reckless doctrine on the part of the people.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nyanza" left Shanghai for this port on Jan. 1, at 2 p.m., and was due here to-day, at about 7 a.m.

The E. & A. s.s. "Arnfura" left Manila for this port on Dec. 31, with the outward Australian mails, and is due here to-day.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (Capt. L. D. Douglas, R.N.R., Commander), will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on Thursday, January 6.

The P. & O. s.s. "Devanha" left Singapore for this port on Dec. 31, at noon, and is due here on Jan. 6, at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Morea" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 2, at 9 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on Jan. 6, at about 2 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on Dec. 25, and is due here on January 13.

The m.v. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on December 13, 1926, and is due here on or about January 21, 1927.

John Browning, the inventor of a pistol which bore his name, has died at Liege, Belgium.

BOTTLE MESSAGE.

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In 1887, Captain John Lee, of Halifax, N.S., sailed from that port and was not heard of again until now when the Government of Nova Scotia received from a German cable officer in Prussia a message which had been picked up in a bottle on the shores of the Baltic. It was the message written by Lee in 1887 as his ship sank, and must have floated about the ocean for nearly 40 years. It is absolutely authentic, since Captain Lee and all the details of the loss have been verified. The message ran:—"May 17, 1887. To whom it may concern. Tell mother I died fighting. John Lee, Halifax."

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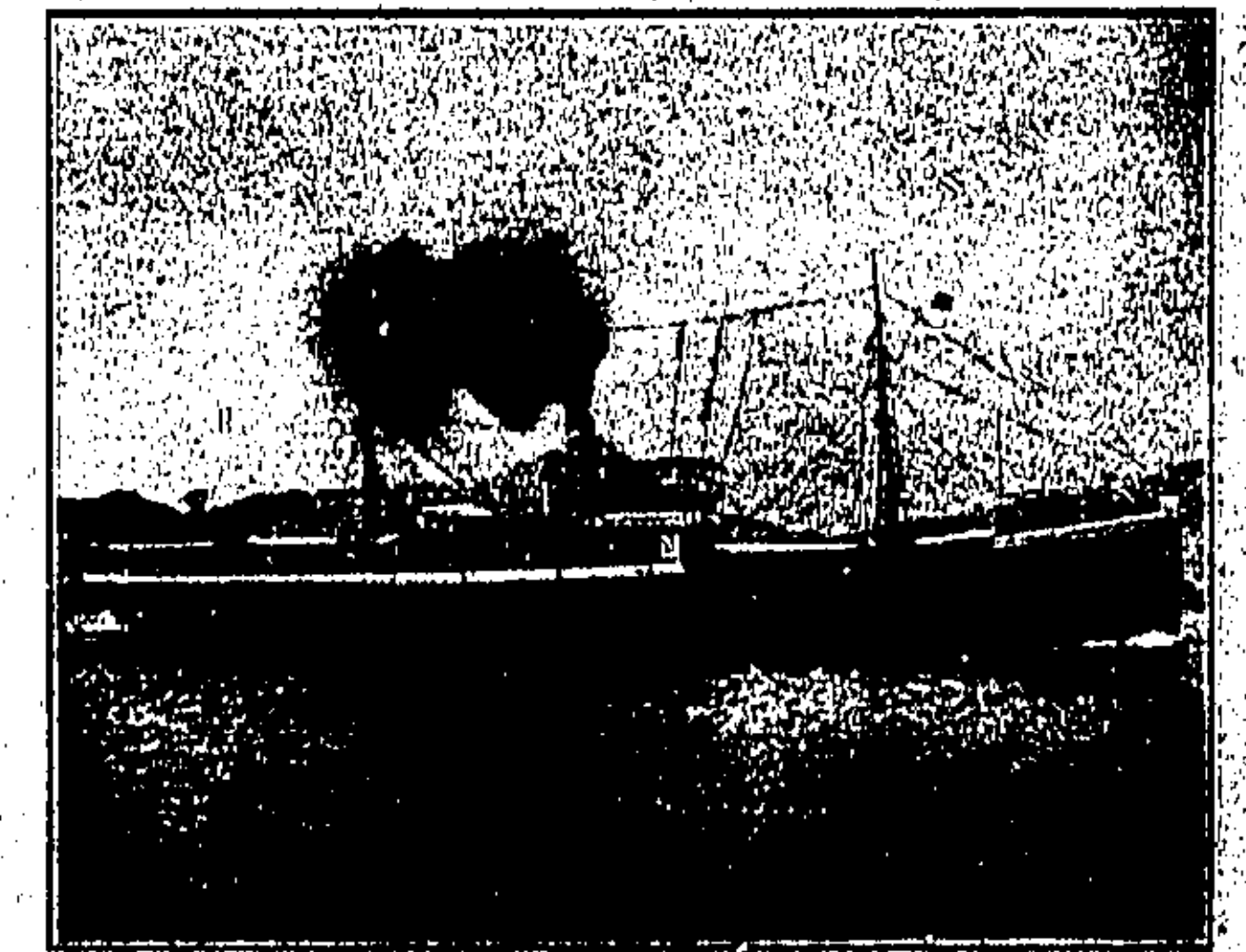
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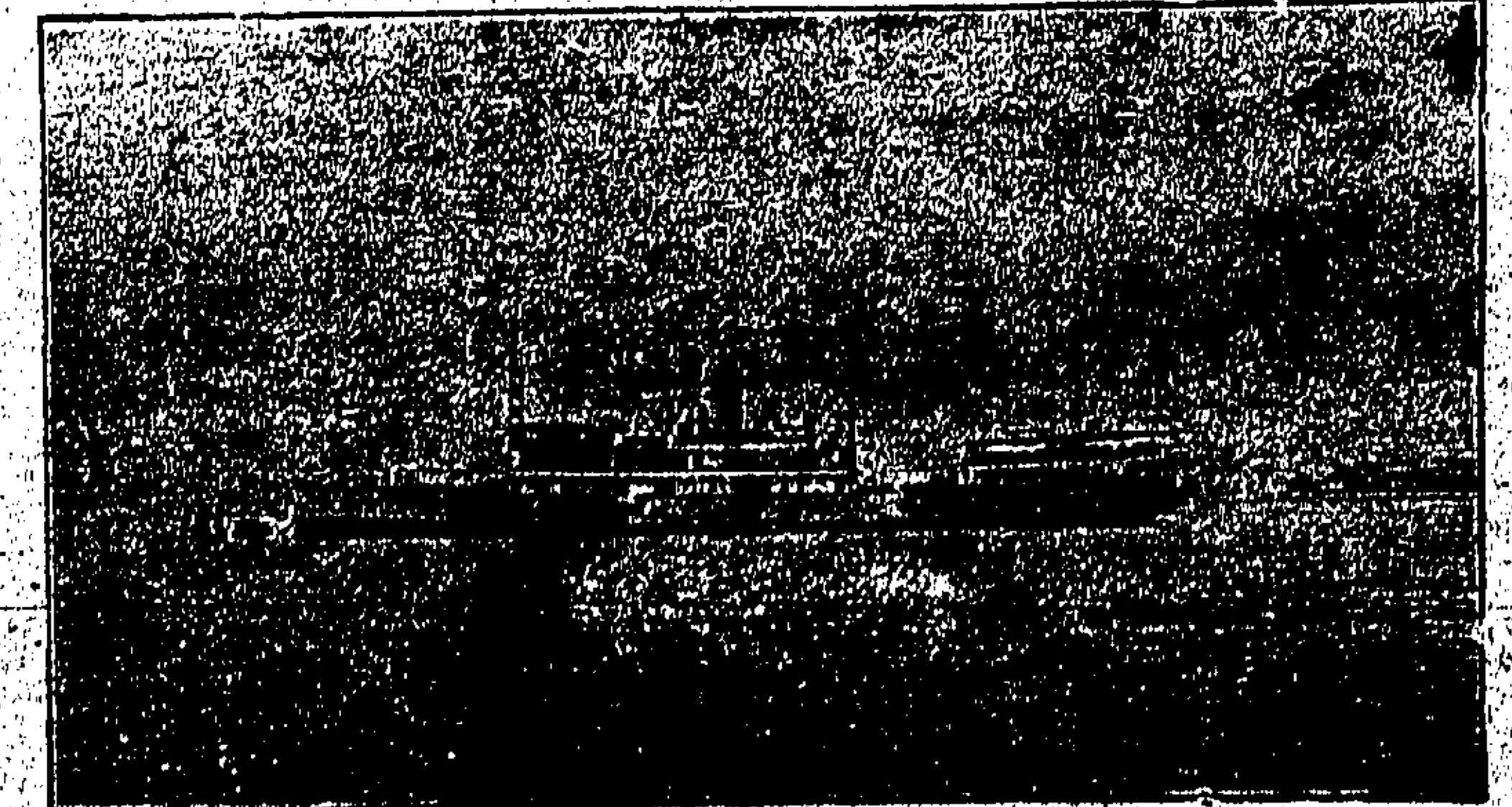
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BIRTH.

DELGA.—On December 30, 1926, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Delga, a daughter.

DEATHS.

EDWARDS.—On December 30, 1926, at Shanghai, Andrew John, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Edwards, aged four years.

ETTERLEY.—On December 29, 1926, at Shanghai, William Henry Etterley, assistant Parks Superintendent, aged 41 years.

HSIA.—On December 29, 1926, at Shanghai, Mrs. Hsia (mother of Mr. Hsia Hung-chong).

KRAUSCH.—On December 28, 1926, at Shanghai, Nina Krausch, aged 32 years.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1927.

AMERICA AND MOSCOW.

Whilst the British Foreign Office seems to the man in the street to be toying with Moscow's breaches of the Russo-British Trade Agreement, America has definitely reiterated her policy toward the Soviet. The time for American recognition of the Soviet has not come—indeed, it seems as far off as ever. America does not intend to barter away her principles. The Soviet authorities must restore the confiscated property of American citizens or make an effective compensation therefor. That requires no conference. It calls for no negotiations. It is a step that can only be taken by the Soviet authorities themselves. Most serious of all Russian activities is the continued propaganda for the overthrow of institutions in America. Until these efforts from Moscow are abandoned, America cannot enter into any negotiations. Thus, the whole onus is placed on Moscow. Until remedial action is taken by Moscow all the overtures for recognition by America will fall on deaf ears. Which is as it should be!

Anti-Foreign Demonstrations.

At a moment when a genuine effort is being made to compose differences between China and the Powers it is distinctly unfortunate that a series of anti-foreign demonstrations should have occurred. A number of foreign

churches has been set on fire; a seminary has been looted; and priests' clothing even has been stolen. Then an anti-foreign strike has been declared at Kiang, where efforts are being made to starve out the foreigners in the Concession. The responsible Chinese authorities in the various centres of anti-foreign unrest will greatly jeopardise China's cause if they remain passive and indifferent to such demonstrations. One such outbreak may be sufficient to upset and counteract a dozen memoranda expressing a genuine desire to restore friendly relations between China and the Powers in the spirit of the Washington Convention. The duty of the Chinese authorities is clear. Anti-foreign symptoms must disappear. In demanding the fulfilment of this simple requirement the Treaty Powers are unanimous. China must give to foreigners in China the same degree of protection that she expects to be given to Chinese in foreign countries.

Brighter Days.

According to a Reuter despatch published in our yesterday's issue, the keynote of all newspaper articles at Home in connection with the dawn of the new year is the hope that it will see trade and industry recover rapidly from the injury which they suffered from the long industrial dispute of 1926. This sentiment was reiterated by his Majesty in replying to the annual New Year's message of greeting from the Lord Mayor of London, and it will be shared by Britons in all parts of the world. It is satisfactory to note from the same despatch that there is, indeed, reason to believe that brighter days are coming and that ere long British trade and industry will show a marked improvement.

Tyneside's £10,000,000.

According to Home papers to hand by the last mail, shipping in general has shown a marked improvement during recent weeks. New orders for ships, particularly tramp tonnage, are being placed in greater volume than at any time during the past five years, whilst Tyneside has orders worth £10,000,000, including work in connection with the Singapore dock and ten tankers for the Anglo-Persian Oil Company. The large stocks of steel which existed in Europe six months ago have, like the coal stocks, been wiped out, and an immense accumulation of orders awaits execution. In the demand for raw materials and manufactures there is a marked upward movement, so that whilst the shipyards are the first to feel the impetus of happier conditions, there is good reason to hope that all the great industries of the Motor Country will benefit. All that is wanted to ensure that the first welcome signs of an industrial revival shall develop into a trade boom are cheaper coal, cheaper steel and industrial peace.

English.

Even good English scholars sometimes fall into error. Hence, the writer who recently told of an "impasse" being "ended," need not necessarily suffer thereby wholesale condemnation. According to Webster, however, an "impasse" represents a "position or predicament affording no escape." It is technically possible, therefore, to reach an "impasse," or to avoid one, but not to get out of one already reached. It is also

gather another question whether any position or predicament exists from which there is no escape. Some may remember in this connection that, during the war, Mr. Lloyd George, the then Prime Minister, once gave utterance to the remarkable assurance that he had never known a single human problem that was not soluble.

CORRESPONDENCE.**COPE AND MITRE FOR OUR BISHOP.**

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—Those of us who were privileged to see the Bishop of London in Cope and Mitre must wonder why our Bishop is not similarly attired. Surely such a high dignity in the Church as the Bishop of London must be dressed in full accordance with the rites and custom of the Church. This being the case, I suggest that a fund be started in order to provide the Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong with a Cope and Mitre.

Yours etc.
CHURCHMAN.
Hong Kong, Jan. 3, 1927.**TRAFFIC CHARGE.****A CONTEMPT OF COURT FINE.****MILITARY OFFICER REBUKED.**

A traffic summons against Lieut. G. H. S. Stanley, adjourned on December 10 on account of the absence of the defendant, occupied the attention of Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon. Before proceeding with the case, the Magistrate intimated that he would require some explanation of the defendant's absence at the last hearing.

Lieut. Stanley informed his Worship that he had understood that the charges against him had been withdrawn. He had, in fact, called at the Water Police Station where he was advised that if the case had been withdrawn there was no necessity for him to attend the Magistracy.

Mr. Ainsworth ruled that the summons having been issued by the Magistrate it was to the Magistrate himself that the defendant should have lodged his inquiry.

The defendant pleaded "not guilty" to the charge of driving to the danger of the public in Salisbury Road on December 4. After hearing evidence, his Worship held that the case for the prosecution had not been sufficiently corroborated to justify the conviction of the defendant. The summons would therefore be dismissed.

Referring to the defendant's absence on December 10, his Worship said that he must regard it as gross contempt of Court for which the defendant would be fined \$10.

LATEST PIRACY.**CHINESE STEAMER NEAR BIAS BAY.****LOOT EXCEEDS \$10,000.**

A delayed report of a piracy near Bias Bay is to hand, the prize being a Chinese steamer from Swatow to Canton. Says the report:—

A case of robbery on the a.s. "Hang On" of the Yuan An Shipping Co., plying between Shanghai, Swatow and Canton, on the afternoon of Dec. 22, while the ship was sailing near Sangchow is reported.

The vessel was fully loaded with cargo, and had 46 passengers on board, among whom were fourteen men who had only paid half fare on the pretence of being in military service.

Junk Meets the Ship. When the ship was near Sangchow, at about 6 p.m. of the day of her departure from Swatow, the robbers on board rose, at a signal, and began to loot the vessel, transhipping their booty to a junk which sailed near the ship from the shore. A loss of over \$10,000 is reported.

On the arrival of the ship at Canton, on Dec. 28, the matter was reported to the 12th Police Station of the Bureau of Public Safety, and the Military Headquarters, the Provincial Government, the Naval Department, as well as to the Headquarters of the Preparatory Commission.

Charged with attempting to pawn a wedding ring, the interior of which was filled with iron, a Chinese, arraigned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning, was remanded until Friday afternoon. Mr. Duncan McCallum intimated that he would be representing the complainant at the adjourned hearing.

STERN JUSTICE.**Execution of Armed Robbers.****LATEST SHANGHAI TOPICS.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 24.

The utmost satisfaction is felt throughout the settlement in regard to the treatment meted out to nine Chinese by Magistrate Li and Mr. Tajima (Japanese Assessor) at the Mixed Court yesterday. The nine accused, who were found guilty of being implicated in a number of armed robberies that have occurred in Shanghai during recent months, took their sentences calmly. Six of the gang were ordered to be sent to the Chinese authorities for execution, whilst the remaining three were sent to jail for ten years each with expulsion from the Settlement at the conclusion of their sentences.

Tramway Strike.

The strike of employees of the French Tramway Company, which was started on Tuesday morning when between 300 and 400 conductors and motor-men walked out in an endeavour to secure an increase of wages, came to an end last night, cars running again shortly after 6.30.

The Shanghai General Labour Union, which is comprised chiefly of students belonging to the notorious Bolshevik University in Seymour Road, was mainly responsible for the men walking out, but a day's rest led the strikers to realise that their cause would be far better served by continuing their work as a public utility company. The conditions of the resumption of work have not yet been disclosed, it being merely stated that negotiations are proceeding between the French Municipal Council and the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs.

The "Lien-shing" Disaster.

The Marine Court of Inquiry into the wreck of the "Lien-shing" has resulted in the complete exoneration of Captain J. V. Simpson, the master of the ill-fated vessel. The Court's decision, which placed the responsibility upon the shoulders of the 2nd Officer, was announced yesterday. The President of the Court, in a lengthy document, dealing with every detail of the tragedy, stated that the majority of the Chinese passengers who lost their lives through the capsizing of one of the boats were themselves to blame for having refused to carry out the orders of the ship's officers.

The Court also recommended that light-houses should be built on the Amherst Rocks because of the great danger to all vessels passing through the Channel in approaching or leaving the Yangtze.

More Pay.

Employees of the scores of small Chinese banks—exchange shops as foreigners usually call them—are to receive an increase in pay, following an agitation which did not culminate in a strike.

According to reports in the Chinese press, the Native Bankers Guild, to which most of the small banks belong, have decided, after some discussion, to grant an increase of 20 per cent. in the pay of all employees of the local banks.

It is also reported that substantial increases of pay have been granted to the 3,000 shop assistants employed in the numerous second-hand clothes shops in Shanghai, who recently walked out in a body to enforce better working conditions.

The Holidays.

Fired by the spirit of Christmas, which, perhaps, has a greater appeal here than in many cities in the Orient, local residents will join in the celebrations to-night, with a joyousness which not even trade depression or political gloom will dim. And local amusement caterers have not spared money or effort to help Shanghai in making this the happiest of Christmases.

FURTHER 'QUAKES.

Calexico, Jan. 3. The recurrence of earthquake shocks disturbed Calexico and Mexicali. Loose bricks were precipitated into the streets, and cracks in buildings widened.

Two buildings were destroyed by fire in Mexicali. Simultaneously the Blackbutte volcano, forty miles south of the borders, is erupting, similarly to 1915, when earthquakes devastated Mexicali and other cities in the Imperial Valley. — Reuter's American Service.

Charged with attempting to pawn a wedding ring, the interior of which was filled with iron, a Chinese, arraigned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning, was remanded until Friday afternoon. Mr. Duncan McCallum intimated that he would be representing the complainant at the adjourned hearing.

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"A TRUE FRIEND."**LATE MR. MATTINGLY'S FINE QUALITIES.****FULL COURT TRIBUTES.**

There was a special Full Court sitting at the Supreme Court this morning, local barristers and solicitors attending in large numbers.

Addressing Sir H. C. Gollan (Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice J. R. Wood (Puisne Judge), Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., (Attorney-General) said:—

"It is my sad duty, speaking on behalf of both branches of the legal profession to express our regret at the death of Mr. R. F. Mattingly. He had many claims both on our affection and on our esteem. In the course of his legal education Mr. Mattingly showed brilliance which has never been surpassed. In the conduct of his profession he very soon attained to a reputation anyone anywhere might have envied."

"In private life, Mr. Mattingly always proved sympathetic and unselfish. For many years he fought against ill-health with a courage and cheerfulness that won the admiration of all of us. We have lost a wise counsellor and a true friend and I only wish to add that we all desire respectfully to offer our sympathies to his relatives in their bereavement."

Addressing the Attorney-General and the assembly, the Chief Justice said:—

"Mr. Mattingly very seldom appeared in this court but on the few occasions that he came before me I realised that he was a man with personality and sound legal judgment. What has been said of his career and of the esteem in which he was held by all those with whom he came into contact in this Colony only serves to confirm the impression that the slight acquaintance I had with him had left in my mind."

"Speaking on behalf of myself and of my learned brother, I say that we deplore the closing of a career which had shown itself of such great value; we deplore it all the more because that value increased as time went on. We desire to associate ourselves with the expression of sympathy which you have made on behalf of the profession. We propose to direct that a record be entered in the minutes of the Court of what you have said, Mr. Attorney-General, and also to direct the Registrar to communicate the expression of our sympathy to his relatives."

CHINA THEATRES.**EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.**

At an extraordinary general meeting of the China Theatres, Ltd., held on December 30 at the Carlton Theatre, Shanghai, after the formal business of the meeting had been dispensed with, Mr. Lokan was chosen as managing director of the China Theatres, Ltd. Mr. L. R. Andrews presided and was supported by Mr. Lokan and Mr. A. H. Haslund (directors) and shareholders representing 2,234 shares.

The following resolutions were then adopted:—

That an agreement between the Company of the one part and Mr. Lokan of the other part and already signed by the directors regarding a loan to the company be and is hereby ratified by this meeting, proposed by Mr. H. Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. E. S. Bull.

That the articles of Association be altered in manner following:— That the following words be added to Article 27 and the company may in general meeting from time to time increase the capital by the creation of new shares of an amount not exceeding Tls. 200,000 and That the capital of the company be increased to Tls. 400,000 by the creation of 4,000 new shares of Shanghai Tls. 50 each:—proposed by Mr. H. Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. E. S. Bull.

WAS IT A HOAX?**SPECIAL POLICE GUARD FOR ABBEY.**

London, Dec. 27. A mystery message containing an apparent threat to the safety of Westminster Abbey, but believed by the police to be a hoax, led to the posting of a special police guard last night.

The threat contained the following words: "Dynamite received safely. Beware of spies and smugglers. North entrance, Westminster Abbey Xmas night." The message was picked up in an East End of London Post Office a few days ago and had a German signature.

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"STEP BY STEP."

INTERVIEW WITH CHANG TSO-LIN.

THE PLAGUE OF BOLSHIEVISM.

Tientsin, Dec. 19.

Russian Bolshevism, is a plague and if China sickens with it the United States and other Powers are in serious danger of infection. Marshal Chang Tso-lin, Governor-General of Manchuria and recently elected Commander-in-Chief of the Ankuochan, or Allied Peace Stabilisation Army, to put down the Russian-influenced Southern force stated in an exclusive interview with Mr. Frank H. Hedges, Staff Correspondent of the "Japan Advertiser."

That the Powers were already exposed to this plague in South China and were suffering from it was shown, he added, by the announcement of Chang Kai-shek and other Southern leaders that they would abolish all existing treaties with one blow if they gained control of all China. And then Marshal Chang stated his own foreign policy as frank and as unequivocal as have the Southerners, a statement for which the Powers have been waiting, saying:

People First.

"Immediate abolition of China's foreign treaties is impractical and unwise. The treaties must go, but we must advance step by step, working out the definite programme in friendly conference with the Powers concerned. The Washington conference laid the basis for such a programme, and we must go back to that basis and proceed therefrom."

A warning note was sounded when Marshal Chang added that he was going to Peking shortly for the purpose of talking with the diplomatic representatives of the Powers to find if they were willing to co-operate actively with him in such a programme, and that if the Chinese people as a whole actually demanded immediate abolition the people must come first and he was powerless against their wishes.

Marshal Chang received the correspondent at his headquarters here just at noon, and for some time it was difficult to question him, as he seemed more interested in asking questions himself, particularly as regards the American attitude toward Communism, and whether there was any realisation in the United States that a Russian-dominated China would be detrimental to America.

Bolshevism a Plague.

"Russian Bolshevism is a plague," he said, "and other Powers are bound to be infected if China is overcome with it. Do they really understand this? Russia hates the United States, Japan and Great Britain, but she has made little headway there, and so turned to China in order to attack not only China but these Powers also in an indirect way. China needs your help in combating this common evil." Marshal Chang added that he did not mean help in the form of armed troops, of course, but strong moral support and perhaps financial.

Yurin, Borodin, Joffe, Karakhan—each of the Soviet emissaries to China came to me first of all and sought to get my co-operation, but I refused, foreseeing just a situation as has now arisen in the South. They were then forced to turn elsewhere, and they met with a warm reception in Canton."

"The Southerners call themselves 'patriots,' but we are the true patriots who are combating this Bolshevik Russian invasion of our fatherland."

"I may not succeed in ending it, but I shall strive to do so as long as I live."

It was brought out that foreigners resident in China and foreign Governments were interested in knowing what Marshal Chang's foreign policy was. The Southerners on numerous occasions, the most recent having been General Chang Kai-shek's interview with the "Associated Press," have gone definitely on record for the abolition of all existing treaties, the cancellation of all special rights in China and as opposed to "the imperialistic, capitalistic Powers."

Chang's Plans.

"My own policy is equally definite," said Marshal Chang, "and I have no hesitancy in stating it. Immediate abolition of China's foreign treaties is impractical and unwise. The treaties must go, but we must advance step by step, working out the definite programme in friendly conference with the Powers concerned. The Washington conference laid the basis for such a programme, and we must go back to that basis and proceed therefrom."

Marshal Chang's definite, public statement of policy toward treaty abolition aligns him with the saner and more dependable thinkers among foreigners in China, or intimately acquainted with Chinese affairs. Excluding the emotionalists, among whom must be grouped the most talkative of the mission-

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PHILIPPINES DISCOVERY.

A valley capable of supporting a million people was discovered in the uncharted regions of Mindanao by a party of explorers headed by Captain G. T. Rice. Captain Rice and his fellow travellers returned to Manila last Wednesday after spending 13 days in the country between Port Labak and Cotabato.

Stories of a mountain that swallows rivers were heard by the party, but these they had no opportunity to confirm, though they found some evidence to support them.

The valley, named the Kulan after the river which flows through its centre, is from 20 to 30 miles wide and about 70 long. It is 1,800 feet above sea level, marvellously fertile, and now inhabited by Manobos, who had never seen a white man until they met Captain Rice's party.

PROVIDENT CO.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING TO-DAY.

THE NEW ARTICLES.

Postponed from yesterday because of the holiday, the extraordinary general meeting of the China Provident, Loan and Mortgage Co. Ltd. was largely attended at St. George's Building this afternoon.

The object was to consider new Articles of Association for the company.

Mr. R. G. Shewan (chairman) presided. He was supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. C. A. da Roza, Mr. A. L. Alves (members of the consulting committee), Mr. D. L. King (secretary and manager) and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (the company's solicitor).

Among the shareholders were noticed Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. W. J. Carroll, Mr. P. Teeter, Mr. E. Rouillon, Mr. E. Abraham, Mr. C. B. Brown, Mr. F. M. Crawford.

FRANCE'S YEAR.

PREMIER REVIEWS WORLD PROBLEMS.

Paris, Jan. 3.

A telegram from Paris states that the most notable international achievement of 1926, according to M. Briand, writing in the "Matin," was the construction of the peace framework which might take time to be shaken but which constituted an instrument of appreciable solidity against the risk of war.

M. Briand reviewed the numerous recent international agreements, including the Italo-German Treaty, drafted in "unexceptionable terms." He was a sincere friend of Italy, and always ready for a rapprochement with her.

As regards China, France adhered to the spirit of the Washington Agreements and entertained a legitimate desire not to allow her honourable interests to

PARIS ARREST.

ANOTHER ESPIONAGE CHARGE.

London, Dec. 29.

Vivian Stranders, an Englishman, has been arrested in Paris on an espionage charge on behalf of the German Secret Service. He was a staff officer with the rank of Captain during part of the War. The "Daily Mail" understands that about three months ago, communication regarding him was received by a special branch of Scotland Yard giving a close description and details of his alleged activities and asking the Yard to keep a close lookout for him. Since the end of November until his arrest on December 21, his movements were known day by day by the Yard, who were in constant communication with Paris.

SAME STRENGTH.

UNITED STATES NAVY ESTIMATES.

Washington, Jan. 4.

The Naval Appropriations Bill totalling \$314,500,000, which has been reported to the House of Representatives, provides for the maintenance of the Navy at approximately the present strength, but proposes to cut \$1,950,000 in the funds for cruising activities.

The appropriation committee is sympathetic to the President's desire for further limitation of armaments, but the report indicates readiness to proceed with the construction of new cruisers whenever the President recommends.—Reuter's American Service.

PILOT'S DEATH.

Shanghai papers announce that news has been received in Shanghai of the death in Rotterdam on Dec. 27 of Captain W. F. Sont. The late Captain Sont was for many years a member of the Shanghai Licensed Pilots' Association, and was greatly esteemed and respected in this city. His death will be regretted by shipping men all over the China Coast.

SHANGHAI MAN'S DEATH.

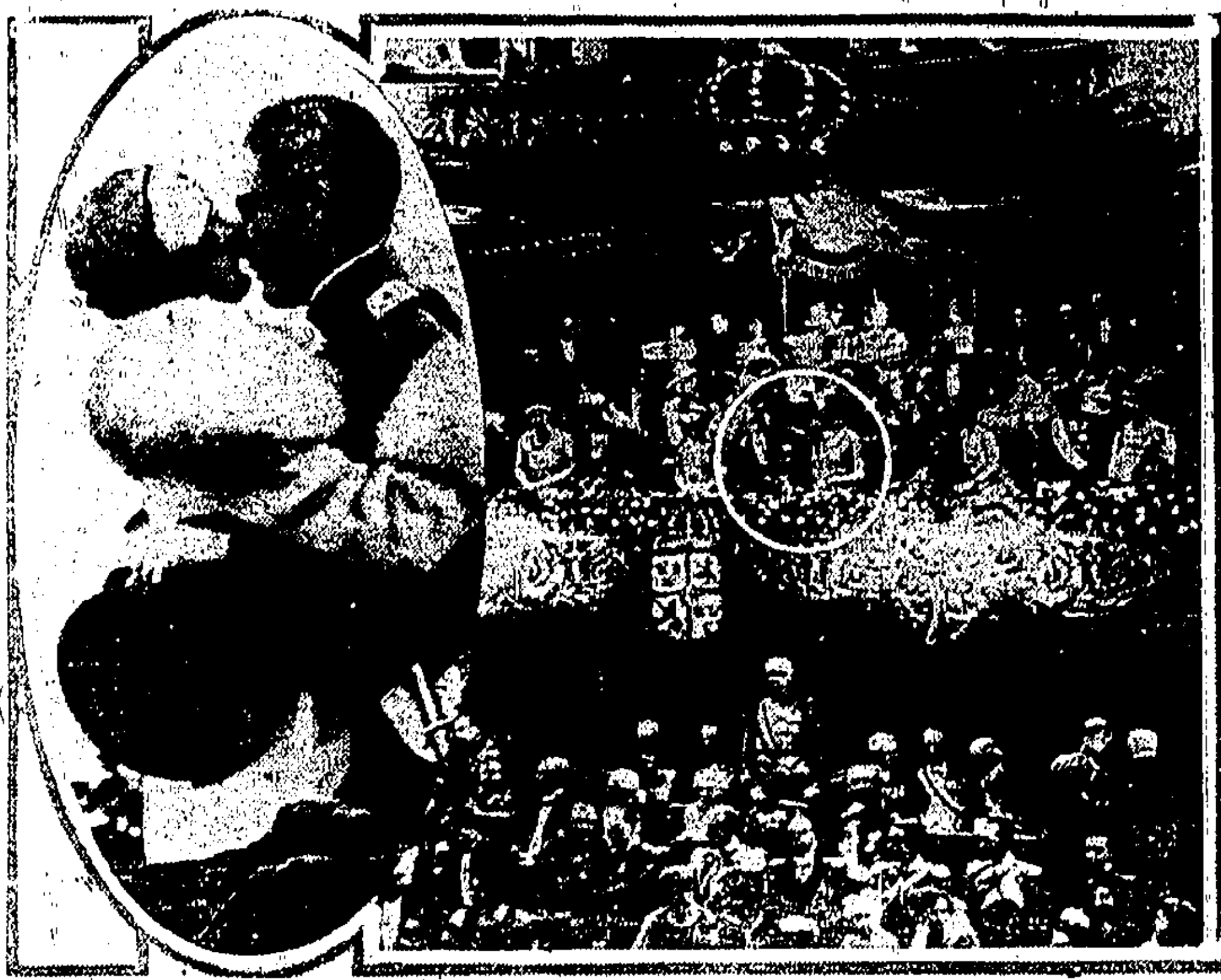
Shanghai papers record the death of Mr. W. H. Etterley, who has been connected with the Public Works Department for a matter of 16 years, during the latter portion of which he was the assistant superintendent of the Parks Division. The deceased, who was born in England in 1886, is survived by a wife and two children.

MACHINE GUNS POLICE.

Chicago, Dec. 28.

The police of this city have added to their equipment 34 machine guns capable of firing 100 shots a minute each. The guns will be given a month's trial to cope with gangsters whose success with these weapons has demonstrated their effectiveness. On several recent occasions gangsters have used machine guns to kill police or other officials and rival gangsters.

As an aftermath of the Bishop of London's visit, little Willie returned home in great excitement after the Sunday school. "Mother, who do you think came to our Sunday school to-day?" he shouted as soon as he could recover his breath. "Who, dear," inquired the patient Shanghai parent. "Why the Pope," announced her offspring grandiloquently.



Prince Leopold of Belgium is shown greeting his bride, Princess Astrid of Sweden, on her arrival at Antwerp, Belgium, on her way to Brussels, where their religious marriage was performed. A civil service had been performed in Stockholm. At the right the couple are shown during the marriage ceremony at the Belgian royal palace.

As there is a general consensus of foreign opinion in North China that the situation brought about by the Boxer defeat and preceding events is no longer possible and probably not desirable. The belief among this group is equally strong that any such drastically radical programme as immediate and unconditional treaty abolition would be detrimental to foreign interests but even more so to Chinese.

Lessons of Events.

There is nothing particularly new in this viewpoint; the new element is that it has come to be generally accepted among foreigners who insist on seeing the China problem from a realist's viewpoint.

Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, then American Minister to China, announced very much the same opinion several years ago, but it required the May 30 tragedy at Shanghai and the incidents that followed in its train to gain wider credence. As a matter of fact, the programme was not new with Dr. Schurman, but because of his position as American Minister his enunciation of it lent it a dramatic force which had theretofore been lacking.

It was evident from Marshal Chang's words and attitude that he feels he deserves the sympathy and legitimate co-operation of the treaty Powers, and that he really needs it. He feels that his and their policy is a common one, and that friendship and co-operation will be mutually beneficial and more profitable for the Powers and for the Chinese people than antagonism or even over-alloofness.

PEKING CABINET PUZZLE.

Peking, Dec. 30.

The establishment of the Government is still arousing much interest in Peking.

General Chin Yun-peng's prospects are adversely affected by the defection of his brother, General Chin Yun-ao, from Marshal Wu Pei-fu.

Mr. Liang Shih-yi's name is now mentioned, but the opinion is gaining ground that Dr. Wellington Koo may be induced to retain the premiership.

SHIP SINKS.

Paris, Dec. 29.

The "Midi" says that the American steamer "Astoria" has foundered in the Black Sea with a loss of 21 lives.

The "Astoria" is a new ship, having been built last year. It was of 4,475 gross tons.

HEAVY FLOOD LOSSES.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 29.

The flooded area in Nashville as a result of overflowing rivers and recent heavy rains is 250 blocks. Five thousand houses are in the flooded area. Five States have suffered flood losses in the last week with several dead and thousand homeless.



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The mortality returns for the island of Singapore for the week ending Dec. 11 showed a total of 325 deaths, giving a mortality rate of 33.13.

Gen. Yen Shih-shan, the "Model Tuchen" of Shanxi, has consented to become an honorary director of the National Anti-Opium Association.

Messrs. Furness, Withy and Co., Ltd., have forwarded to Mr. Havelock Wilson a donation of £1,000 towards the fund, and a letter of good wishes in his efforts to promote the Industrial Peace League.

Mr. Harry Armour, whose death took place suddenly at a meet of the Linlithgow and Stirlingshire foxhounds on Saturday, was buried in Edinburgh at his special request, in hunting uniform, booted and spurred.

Payment of a reward of Rs. 25,000 to the first person who discovers the cause of, mode of propagation and remedy for beriberi was one of the subjects for consideration by the Calcutta Corporation at a recent meeting.

Four people were frozen to death during the cold spell on December 22 at Peking according to police reports. On victim was found in the vicinity of the Temple of Agriculture, another within the newly-built Peace Gate, an opening between Chienmen and Shunchmen. A boy, about fifteen years old, was frozen to death at Tientsin, outside Hutung, outside Chienmen, and the fourth was overcome by cold when walking on the street. He fell dead.

The absence of a dividend for shareholders in the British and Chinese Corporation, is due to the fact that it has not received overdue and accrued interest on advances to the Chinese Government. Credit is taken for the amount due, but the balance shown as net profit is carried forward. A year ago the dividend was 10 per cent., following on three years of 15 per cent. The chairman is Major W. S. Nathan, C.M.G., and among the directors is Sir Charles Addis, a director of the Bank of England, and chairman of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. The company's 420 shares, with 25 paid up, which in 1912 were quoted at 10, are now standing at about 5½.

Universal Week of Prayer will be observed at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, at 8 p.m. to-morrow.

Notifiable disease in the Colony during the four days ended on Monday comprised only two cases of enteric fever (typhoid), the patients being Chinese from the city registration district.



This white owl was picked up in a storm 150 miles off Cape Race by the third officer of a steamer.

A bronze statue of Sir Robert Peel which Birmm raised 71 years ago in commemoration of the statesman's fight against the Corn Laws was thrown from its pedestal in Victoria-square recently. A motor-lorry skidded and struck a street lamp, which fell against the statue, only an arm of which was damaged.

An elaborate and learned book on "Dogs: Their History and Development," has been written by Mr. Ernest C. Ash. The sources drawn upon range from the earliest Egyptian hieroglyphics and Chinese chronicles to the experiences of the leading breeders of the present day. It is gathered that the Chinese were the first to note down and record incidents of doggyish intelligence. Small dogs, "of an intelligent mind," sat beside the Imperial couch in those far-off days, and "must wag their tails and bark first; then people were respectful."

The Bill by which the Manx Government agrees to contribute £780,000 towards the British War Debt has been passed by the Manx Legislative Council.

A Chinese armed robber, who was found guilty by the Allied Military Court at Shanghai of committing a long string of armed robberies and a murder, was executed at Lungqua.

Sainte Marguerite, the larger of the two Iles de Lérins, off Cannes—and the prison of Dumas's character "The Man in the Iron Mask"—is to be offered for sale by the French Government.

Preparations are being made for the removal of the Belgian Consulate in Shanghai, situated at 101, Bubbling Well Road, to 30 Route Pichon, the former Fern Sanitarium. This residence is now being remodelled to meet the requirements of the Consulate.

Four hundred disarmed soldiers of the defeated army of Gen. Chang Y. of Fukien have arrived in Shanghai and are at present under surveillance. As soon as accommodation is available, they will be sent back to their homes.

An enjoyable dinner dance, the first of its kind at the new Hotel Savoy, took place there on Saturday evening, a large number of couples dancing to the accompaniment of a Filipino orchestra, newly arrived from Manila. The hotel was gaily decorated for the occasion, excellent lighting effects being obtained. Dancing was kept up until 1 a.m.

It has been announced by the Peking authorities at the Summer Palace that Kung Ming Lake has been turned into a skating rink and all are welcome to attend. Dressing rooms and rest rooms are being provided. Tea and refreshments may be secured. Skating certificates will be necessary in order to purchase tickets. To secure one of these certificates it is necessary to send two photographs two inches square and 20 cents in stamps to the Summer Palace. Upon receiving the certificate you may purchase entrance tickets for 40 cents at the Palace Gates. Many sleds have been provided for those who wish to view the lake.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Captain P. H. Rolfe, marine superintendent of the Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd. returned to the Colony yesterday from the North by the "President Grant."

The Mr. Mok Hok-ming who was reported in Friday's issue of the "China Mail" as having left for the North on the "President Jefferson" was not Mr. Mok Hok-ming of the comprador department, Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, as stated.

The following Consular appointments were announced in the "London Gazette" of November 25:—P. G. Jones, Esq., to be one of his Majesty's Consuls in China; and A. H. George, Esq., to be one of his Majesty's Vice-Consuls (First Grade) in China (August 27).

A British wireless message today states that the King has approved the appointment of Sir John Middleton on the termination of his appointment as Governor of the Falkland Islands to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gambia in succession to Sir Cecil Armitage, whose term of office is expiring shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. John Albeck arrived in Shanghai on December 23, spending the Christmas holidays there. Mr. Albeck is General Manager for the Far East of the United Artists Corporation which distributes the pictures of the big stars and producers such as Mary Pickford, Gloria Swanson, Norma Talmadge, Douglas Fairbanks, Charles Chaplin, D. W. Griffith, Rudolph Valentino, John Barrymore, Buster Keaton, Joseph M. Schenck, Samuel Goldwyn, Morris Gest, Ronald Colman and Vilma Banky. Mr. Albeck is making an extended trip throughout the Far East in the interests of this company. He started on his trip from Tokyo in the beginning of November and has now covered all North China. He leaves early this month to continue his journey to South China, Philippine Islands, Straits Settlements, Java, Siam and India.

The Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow returned to the Colony yesterday by the "President Grant" from Shanghai.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dollar were passengers on the "President Grant" which arrived here yesterday from Seattle via Shanghai.

Mr. M. B. Karanjia was one of the passengers on the "President Grant," which arrived at Hong Kong yesterday from Shanghai and Seattle.



DAME ELLEN TERRY

A British wireless message this morning stated that the famous actress, Dame Ellen Terry, who is nearly eighty years old, was lying gravely ill with bronchitis, but a later message says she is slightly better.

Alderman Bower, Birmingham's Lord Mayor, who figured in the New Year's Honours List as the recipient of a Knighthood, has been appointed an Officer of the Legion of Honour by the President of France in recognition of his work in connection with the reconstruction of Cambrun. Home papers of December 8 state that his Lordship had promised to visit Paris on December 30 for personal testimony by the President of the Republic.

Mr. Walters, of the legal firm of Hogan and Ivins, who came to Hong Kong for a health trip, has returned to Malacca, having enjoyed his holiday.

Among the passengers who sailed from Hong Kong yesterday for Manila on the "President Grant" were the Rt. Rev. Dr. C. R. Duppuy (Bishop of Victoria) and Mrs. Duppuy, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kinnaird and Mr. A. H. Raymond.

Mrs. L. Dunbar arrived in the Colony yesterday from Manila by the s.s. "Arafura" which also brought Dr. E. Brister. Passengers from Sydney included the Rev. F. H. and Mrs. Wilkinson and family, and Mr. E. W. Dawson.

The Bishop of Victoria (the Rt. Rev. Dr. C. R. Duppuy) and Mrs. Duppuy will be absent from the Colony for the month of January. The Rev. H. Copley Moyle will transact urgent matters of business on behalf of the Bishop. Correspondence should be addressed to the Diocesan Chaplain, the Rev. N. V. Halvard, M.C., Bishop's House, St. Paul's College, Hong Kong.

It is disappointing to learn that "G. B. S." is so rich that if he had another £6,500 he could not find any use for it, remarks "Truth." To spend money in large quantities without doing any harm is no doubt a matter requiring much study and thought. But I should have thought that Mr. Shaw, who has spent his life in teaching others, must know enough to be able to give us all a lesson in the art of using money wisely. What good does he do by returning the Nobel cheque? I doubt if the Nobel Trust represents the best thing that a rich man could do with his wealth. If Mr. Shaw had accepted its offering he might have shown the next conscientious millionaire a better way. I fear that he must be in difficulties with the rest of his income and accumulations. I wish he would appoint me his financial adviser. There really are plenty of uses for money in the world to-day—real uses.

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SPORTS SECTION

HOME SOCCER.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS IN THE LEAGUE.

SCOTTISH SURPRISES.

London, Jan. 3.
Matches played to-day in the principal football leagues (home teams given first), resulted:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Div. III (North).

Ashington 2, Chesterfield 1.
Hartlepool 1, Stockport 2.
Wigan 1, Halifax 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aberdeen 2, Hibernians 5.
Airdrieonians 7, Hamilton 1.
Celtic 2, Queen's Park 3.
Dundee United 1, Dundee 0.
Dunfermline 2, Kilmarnock 3.
Hearts 4, Cowdenbeath 3.
Motherwell 3, Falkirk 3.
Partick 1, Rangers 4.
St. Johnstone 1, Clyde 3.
St. Mirren 3, Morton 1.

—Reuter.

INTERPORT SOCCER.

DATE FIXED FOR MATCH V. SHANGHAI.

LOCAL XI SELECTED.

Hong Kong's Interport football match against Shanghai has been fixed for Wednesday, February 2, on the Hong Kong F.C. ground at Happy Valley.

The local eleven has been selected as follows:—

goal: Clark (Police);
backs: Wynne (Police),
Bishop (Hong Kong F.C.);
halves: Hudson (Police),
Sims (Kowloon F.C.), Lam Yuk-ying (Chinese Athletic);
forwards: D. Xavier (Club de Recreo), Howard (H.K.F.C.), Gosano (Recreo), McGlinchey (Scottish Borderers), Brown (Recreo).
reserves: P. Xavier (Recreo), Brittain (Police), J. Silva (Recreo), Chang Kwong-ju (Athletic), Ip Kau (Athletic), Orr (Kowloon).
The next trial is to be played to-morrow on the Club ground at 4.15 p.m. The full team including reserves are to be present for the trial game with the Royal Navy.

TEST CRICKET.

TREATMENT OF DIFFERENT PLAYERS.

London, Nov. 25.
The "Daily Express" gives prominence to a cable from its Melbourne representative referring to the bonus proposal for test cricketers. Quoting the assertion that some of the Australian cricketers returned broke, and comparing George Hirst's £3,000 from his benefit match with the treatment of Ernie Jones, who, it is stated, is working on the Adelaide wharves, and George Giffen who holds a minor job in the post office, the "Express" in a footnote says that it is necessary to remember that the Australians come as amateurs and are accorded all the privileges of the amateur status, whereas Hirst was a professional and depended on the game for his livelihood.

'VARSITY CROSS-COUNTRY.

Edinburgh, Dec. 11.
In the cross country race Dublin University beat Edinburgh University by 25 points to 57.

The race was over a course of seven miles at Edinburgh.

London, Dec. 11.
Farnham—In the Inter-Varsity cross country race over 7½ miles, Oxford beat Cambridge by 15 points to 40.

The first five were all Oxonians. The winner was W. Edwards (Oriel). His time was 44 mins. 17 secs.

The first Cantab home was I. Franklin Evans (Queen's), whose time was 46 mins. 30 secs.

The Cambridge soccer team which lost to Oxford at Stamford Bridge on Dec. 15 was chosen as follows:—A. Russell (Clare); M. Bower (Pembroke) and R. Smith (St. John's); H. Robinson (Pembroke), W. Howell (Magdalene), and F. Sanders (Downing); R. Robins (Queen's), J. Morris (Emmanuel), E. Hillary (Trinity), R. Lowe (Trinity), and W. Parker (Emmanuel).

SUNDAY GAMES.

DEAN SAYS "ALL DAYS THE SAME."

"BLOW TO MARRIAGE."

There was a sharp division of opinion on Sunday games at the meeting of the National Assembly of the Church of England at Westminster.

Sir George King moved a resolution expressing regret at the decision of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners allowing Sunday games on land under their control.

The Dean of Exeter, Dr. Gamble, in moving that the resolution "be not put," said that the idea of Christianity was that all days were the same but that one day was set apart for public worship. The Sabbatarian idea was a Puritan tradition, and he opposed it, because it was false.

Teachers Motoring.
"Sunday recreations have come to stay, whatever we desire," said the dean. "We cannot get rid of them, and the real question, to my mind, is whether the Church shall oppose this movement or guide it. I am in favour of the latter course."

Lord Phillimore seconded the dean's motion.

The Bishop of Durham, Dr. Henson, said: "We are now in the first stages of a complete secularisation of Sunday. We cannot get teachers in our Sunday schools because they are motoring."

Eventually a resolution was passed deploring any action that strengthened the secularising tendencies of Sunday, "already too powerful in English society."

An "Insult From Rome."
During a discussion on the relations with foreign Churches, the Bishop of Ripon, Dr. Burroughs, said:

"We ought to be an obstacle to the realisation of the Papal dream. We have recently seen the degree of modern opportunism by which the Church of Rome allows itself to be politically minded; and although the question I refer to will not receive the official notice of this assembly, still I think it not unfit to make passing and restrained allusion to the incident which is calculated to deal a further blow to the stability of Christian marriages, which is an insult—whether calculated or otherwise—to the old communion to which we are proud to belong. (Cheers.)"

Godless Southend.

Mr. L. V. Rogers, formerly secretary of the local Free Church Council, made a strong attack on Southend when acknowledging a presentation at the United Methodist Church.

"The recognition of the hour of Divine Service has been trampled in the dust and desecrated by secular bands," he said.

"Gold links are open on Sundays, and a Councillor says that other matters have gone so far that nothing can be done."

"Man may pursue his wilful way until forsaken by God, and I wonder if Southend will do this. Is God allowing Southend to do this until her cup is full to the brim and must be drained to the dregs?"

RACEHORSE OWNER'S DEBTS.

Calcutta, Dec. 6.
The Subordinate Judge at Alipore has ordered the attachment of the well-known owner, Mr. J. C. Galstaun's, racehorses and other horses, motor cars, furniture and jewellery, etc., on the application of certain Bombay merchants and bankers in the execution of a decree for over 31 lakhs of rupees.

Mr. Galstaun's pleader urged the Court's jurisdiction for staying execution on giving security.

The Judge overruled the contention and issued a writ of attachment.

The applicants submitted that Mr. Galstaun had entered valuable racehorses for the Calcutta races to be run on Dec. 11. If some accident happened to them they would lose their value, and the applicants' chance of recovering the full amount due them would be lost.

NORTHERN UNION RUGGER.

London, Dec. 9.
Under Northern Union rugby rules St. Helen's defeated the New Zealanders by 22 points to 12.

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E. Footie, half-back of the Mount Ash Rugby Club, has signed on for the Northern Union Oldham Club. He is eighteen years of age and was a schoolboy international. He also played in the Welsh trials.

TWO CENTURIES.

NAVY BEAT CLUB BY 4 WICKETS.

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

Two centuries were scored in holiday cricket fixtures yesterday.

For the Hong Kong C.C., H. Owen Hughes (the Interport player) made 165 not out but his side lost by four wickets to the Royal Navy in the last match of the local triangular tournament.

C. T. Evans of Kowloon was the other centurion.

Batsmen were on top yesterday on the H.K.C.C. ground both when the Club resumed their 2nd innings and when the Navy went in to get 270 runs in 3 hours.

The Club resumed with 41 for 3 wickets down. Owen Hughes hit out to great advantage. He gave two chances but his shots included some pretty late cuts, square cuts and drives. His score included 3 sixes and 22 fours. Pearce and Hancock also came along with useful contributions and the innings was declared at 299 runs for 8 wickets. Sturges was again the most successful bowler, as in the 1st innings.

Every batsman got going the Navy's 2nd innings. Sturges getting top score with 62 not out (including 6 fours and 2 fives).

Bad fielding by the Club—and missed chances—in the early part of the 2nd innings lost them the match. Complete scores:—

H.K.C.C.—1st Innings.

A. W. Hayward, c. Brewerton, b. Sturges 49
E. J. R. Mitchell, b. Cantrell 40
H. Owen Hughes, b. Cantrell 41
G. R. Sayer, c. Cantrell, b. Beatty 41
T. E. Pearce, c. Brewerton, b. Beatty 10
H. R. B. Hancock, c. Armitage, b. Sturges 7
C. T. Evans, b. Sturges 2
G. C. Lynam, b. Sturges 2
J. R. Hinton, c. Brewerton, b. Sturges 0
Extras 19
Total 146

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Cantrell 15 3 21 2
Beatty 15 0 49 2
Emley 4 0 23 0
Shaw 3 0 13 0
Sturges 61 0 36 6

Royal Navy—1st Innings.

Lt.-Comdr. Armitage, c. Owen Hughes, b. Bowker 1
Pay Lt. Hussey, c. Hayward, b. Bowker 4
Bowker 32
Lt. Sparks, b. Sayer 32
Flight Lt. Brewerton, b. Bowker 43
Lt. O. Lowry, c. Gardner, b. Sayer 4
Rev. Venn, b. Bowker 1
Lt.-Col. Cantrell, lb.w., b. Sayer 1
Lt. Emley, c. Hancock, b. Vaillock 12
Lt. Sturges, not out 22
Pay Lt.-Comdr. Shaw, c. Pearce, b. Sayer 26
Lt.-Comdr. Beatty, b. Bowker 27
Extras 27
Total 175

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Bowker 22 2 98 5
Vaillock 12 3 32 1
Sayer 14 1 64 4
Owen Hughes 4 0 15 0

H.K.C.C.—2nd Innings.

G. F. Gardner, b. Cantrell 1
E. J. R. Mitchell, b. Cantrell 11
H. Owen Hughes, c. Hancock, b. G. R. Sayer, c. & b. Sturges 156
A. W. Hayward, b. Emley 18
T. E. Pearce, c. Shaw, b. Sturges 33
H. R. B. Hancock, c. Armitage, b. Sturges 51
C. T. Evans, b. Sturges 8
J. R. Hinton, c. Hussey, b. Sturges 0
Extras 11
Total (for 6 wks.) 270

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Shaw 6 0 30 0

Royal Navy—2nd Innings.

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"Accordingly I marched off to the British Broadcasting Company and sent in my name for an interview. I was vain enough to think that my real name, Betty Bolton, might be familiar to the experts who engage artists. It is, I believe, fairly well known to London managers and producers. So as Miss Betty Bolton I applied for an engagement."

"Alas for my vanity—they wouldn't see me. I was told that they were full up, and at the moment they could not extend any hopes. In theatrical parlance there was 'nothing doing.'"

But Miss Bolton was not to be put off in this way. "I speak French fluently," she said, "and it occurred to me that if the B.B.C. was full up with British artists,

2L.O DEBATE CUP OFF.

MAN, ASKED TO LEAVE
STUDIO.

People all over Britain on the night of Nov. 15 heard an angry interruption at a debate which was being broadcast from 2L.O at Savoy Hill, W.C.

This interruption, which was followed by the closing down of the station for a few minutes, occurred during a debate between Professor Julian Huxley and Mr. Cecil Lewis on "Is Science Bad for the World?" with Lieut.-Com. Hilton Young in the chair.

While Professor Huxley was expressing an opinion against the interference by religious bodies in regard to birth control, a man's voice suddenly interrupted loudly with the words: "I protest... I never... it's indecent... I protest..."

The broadcasting then stopped abruptly. After a little while, the debate was resumed.

Professor Huxley stated to a "Daily Mail" reporter afterwards: "The interruption was made by a man who was a member of the small audience in the studio before whom we debated. Immediately he protested the microphone was cut off, and he was ordered out of the studio. When he had gone the debate was resumed."

An official of the B.B.C. said the interruption had been arranged to give additional interest to the debate.

BLIND MEN AT B.B.C.

"SEEING" WIRELESS
WONDERS.

A party of blind men from St. Dunstan's, accompanied by Captain Ian Fraser, M.P., visited the B.B.C.'s London studios at Savoy Hill.

The men were conducted round by Captain Ekersley, chief engineer of the B.B.C., who explained all that happens in broadcasting from the reception of artists by the commissionaire, who guards the portals to the reception of the broadcasted items by the listener. The visitors took the keenest interest in Capt. Ekersley's descriptions and explanations as they investigated various parts of the mechanism and building by touch.

Capt. Ekersley recounted numerous stories of the human side of things behind the scenes, or microphone, much to the amusement of the visitors.

On behalf of the men, Capt. Ian Fraser expressed their appreciation of Capt. Ekersley's kindness, to which the latter replied that showing people round the station was a vice with him—he was so greatly interested in its wonders himself.

THE NEW BROADCASTING.

A new development of broadcasting has come with the voting by Parliament without a division, after a short debate, of the royal charter by the terms of which a corporation, to be called the British Broad-



This picture shows the damage of the earthquake in Armenia.

STRAUSS CONCERT.

B.B.C. DECLINES TO ADMIT
A BLUNDER.

The British Broadcasting Company is not disposed to admit that a blunder was made in broadcasting the concert conducted by Dr. Richard Strauss in preference to the Prime Minister's Guildhall speech.

"Our barometer is the correspondence we receive from listeners," said an official to a "Sunday Times" representative, "and the inference we draw from it is that people are surfeited with broadcast speeches."

"It was obviously 'up to us' to get Dr. Strauss while he was in this country, and the only day we could get him was November 9."

"The rival claims of the Lord Mayor's banquet as against the Albert Hall concert were carefully weighed, and the decision was taken, after due consideration, by the B.B.C. authorities at least six months ago."

Protests, it was admitted, had been received by the B.B.C. that the Prime Minister's speech had not been broadcast, "but not a great many."

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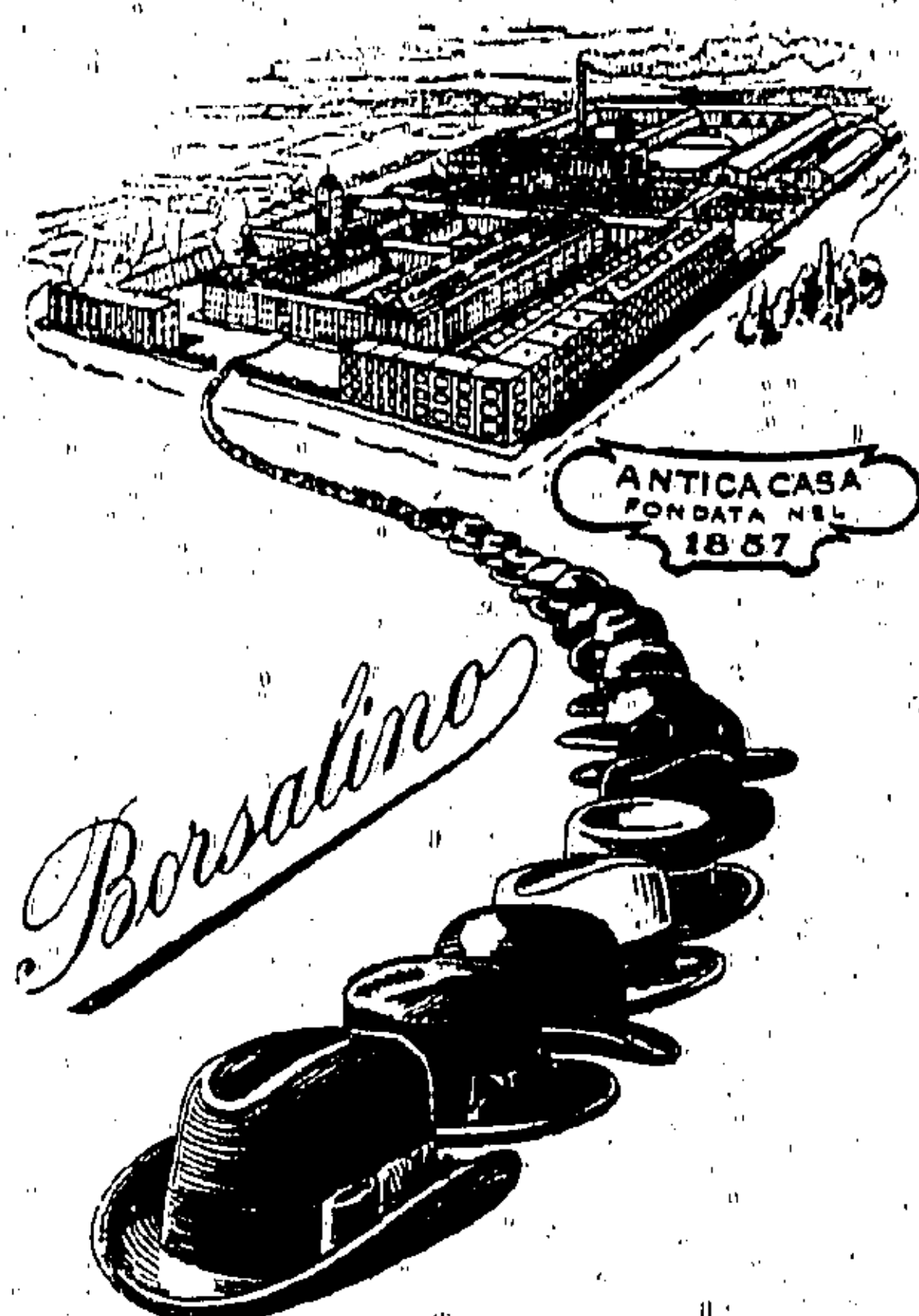
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

During road widening operations at Maidstone, two skulls in a good state of preservation were unearthed.

Captain Arthur Edwin, of Cliff Dene, Parkstone, who died at his residence was a believer in the British Israel identity.

As the result of a recruiting campaign in the Erith (Kent) district, the 206 Battery, R.A. (Territorial), is now at established strength.

The Winslow (Bucks) Guardians were informed at their meeting that a former member of the Board had been admitted into the workhouse as a paying guest.

The L.C.C. are to develop sixty-seven acres at Hammersmith by the erection of 662 houses and nineteen shops at a cost of £450,000. The Council have also decided to spend £21,000 modernising Banstead Asylum.

The secretary of the Union of Post Office Workers has written to the Postmaster-General pointing out that it is "offensive and nauseating" to postmen to have to handle consignments of poultry and game, which are sent through the post insecurely packed.

A Chinese junk was attacked by pirates when moored near Lunghua. Several men, armed with hatchets, boarded the craft, intimidated, bound and gagged the crew to make sure that there would be no outcry, and got away successfully with \$600. The matter was not reported to the police until some time later.

Three French firemen of the French Mail liner "Angers" were arrested in the Hongkong district of Shanghai and found to be in possession of 11 automatic pistols and 1,300 rounds of ammunition. At 12.35 a.m. on the same day a Chinese was arrested on the Whangpoo Wharf in Wayside and two pistols and 125 rounds of ammunition were found on him. It is thought that the guns in both instances came from the same source.

Finsbury Borough Council are to erect eighty tenements at Mantell Street at a cost of £57,000.

An Italian Government Commission reports the discovery of gold and silver reefs in the hills north of Turin.

Herbert Rowson, a spectator from Glazebury, who was present at the Rugby League match between Leigh and Swinton at Leigh dropped dead just before the interval.

The decapitated body of a commercial traveller, named C. W. Youle, who had been missing from the City Arms Hotel, Hereford, was found on the railway line a mile from Hereford.

The Gravesend and Northfleet Electric Tramway Co., which controls seven miles of track, has given notice that an order is to be applied for authorising the "scrapping" of the tramways and the substitution of motor-buses.

An Italian vice consulate has been created in Brisbane on account of the large number of Italians living in Queensland. The Italian Government thinks there is room for a greater number of its nationals to emigrate there.

The first system of wireless telephony in Burma has been established between the office of the Rangoon Port Trust and the pilot vessel in the Gulf of Martaban. The telephone has a device by which either party can call up, and is capable of communicating with vessels for a distance of 200 miles.

An offer by the Empire Marketing Board of £2,000 annually for five years for research by the Cawthron Institute in New Zealand for the entomological control of noxious weeds, especially the blackberry, on condition that the New Zealand Government and the Cawthron Institute contribute £1,000 annually, has been accepted. It is proposed to send insects to New Zealand to eat up the blackberry.

The death is announced of Major-General Sir E. Fielden, the Crimea veteran.

The death has occurred at Woodford, Essex, of Mr. David J. Legg, who for fifty years was the secretary of the Religious Tract Society.

When the Elder Dempster steamer "Ekari" arrived at Liverpool from West African ports it was reported that during the homeward voyage, while the vessel was at Tenerife, one of the passengers, Lieut. Basil Burdell Moxon, of Liverpool, died of blackwater fever, and was buried at sea. Lieut. Moxon joined the "Ekari" at Bathurst.

Major Alvaro de Castro, the former High Commissioner of Mozambique and twice Prime Minister of Portugal, is lying seriously ill in the Fort of Elvas, where he has been confined as a political prisoner. Dr. Domingos Pereira, a former Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, is also seriously ill.

The Governor of Illinois has refused the request of the Mayor of Herrin that a military Court should be set up in Southern Illinois to deal with "gang warfare" there, on the ground that it is not the duty of the National Guard to maintain law and order unless the civil agencies have collapsed. The mayor wrote that no citizens would give evidence against these gangs for fear of their lives.

Marked secrecy attended the funeral of Roscoe Brunner and his wife who were found dead in a cottage at Putney from bullet wounds. Brunner was chairman of directors of Brunner, Mond and Company, Ltd., famous manufacturing chemists. His financial affairs were reported to be in perfect order which adds to the mystery attaching to their death. Only the undertakers men attended in closed cars, which bore no wreaths and made a lengthy detour, twice circling Woking before entering. The bodies were cremated behind locked doors.

MOVIE NOTES.

"Eyes of Youth," the Gloria Swanson picture at present being directed by Albert Parker for United Artists' release, has had its name changed to "Sunya."

The Black Bottom, a new eccentric ballroom dance, has become the rage in Hollywood. It is displacing the Charleston by leaps and bounds, and it is quite safe to prophesy that within a short time, the once popular Charleston will have become old-fashioned.

Maurice Elvey has finished "Hindle Wakes" for Gaumont. The picture is adapted from the late Stanley Houghton's famous play, and features Estelle Brody, leading player in the other Elvey production, "Mademoiselle From Armentieres." The supporting cast includes John Stuart, Peggy Carlisle, Clifford Rowal, Alfred Goddard and Cyril McLaglen. It is a British super-production.

The Photoplay Magazine prize medal for the best motion picture made during the year 1926 has been awarded to the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Corporation for "The Big Parade." This picture was directed by King Vidor, and the leading parts were taken by John Gilbert and Renee Adoree. Judged from all angles, the picture deserves winning the medal; and in making the award, "Photoplay" dwelt upon the many extraordinary good points of this epic of the Great War, and complimented those responsible for its production for having turned out a picture of such merit and distinction, adding a word or two of praise for Vidor and Marcus Loew, head of M-G-M, for their unusual confidence and daring.

"Sella Dallas," that adorable epic of mother love and sacrifice, should have run a close second to "The Big Parade." However, the performances of Belle Bennett and Lois Moran as Stella Dallas and Laurel Dallas respectively had high places in the role of best individual performances of the year.

Richard Barthelmess has returned from a holiday in Europe, and has started work on "The Patent Leather Kid," with Dorothy Mackall. Al Santall is directing.

Gregory La Cava is directing Richard Dix in "Paradise for Two," a Paramount picture, at Famous Players' Long Island Studios.

Lon Chaney has finished "The Wicked Mr. Wu," and will soon

start work on "The Ordeal," in which he will take the role of an armless leper. The original name of the picture was "Alonzo the Armless." He will be supported by Greta Garbo. "The Ordeal" is a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture.

Willy Fritsch, the German leading man of "The Waltz Dream," has been signed by Joseph M. Schenck, and will soon leave Berlin for America.

Michael Arlen's "The Green Hat" is being filmed after all. William Fox has bought the screen rights to the story, and production on it will soon start, with Howard Hawks, of "Three Bad Men" fame, directing. Virginia Valli will be starred in the leading feminine role.

Ernest Lubitsch is finishing "The Last Of Mrs. Cheyne" for Famous Players. Adolphe Menjou and Florence Vidor appear in the production.

Erich Von Stroheim is directing Gilda Gray in "Glorifying The American Girl," the Famous Players-Zeigfeld special, at Paramount's West Coast Studios.

John Robertson is directing Ramon Novarro in "Old Heidelberg" for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Betty Balfour, the dainty British star appearing in Gaumont pictures, has been busy during the autumn on a new film aptly titled "Little Devil-May-Care," which is being produced by Marcel L'Herbier. She has forsaken Cockney costume and will appear in a fisher-girl role, which is well suited to her characteristics and temperament. She has a new *vis-a-vis* for this picture in Jaques Catelain.

That sentimental war-time ballad, "Roses of Picardy," will furnish the title for another Gaumont-British film, which will be a post-war story dedicated to ex-service-men.

Latest social item from Hollywood—"Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. seems to have had some misunderstanding with Betty Bronson; he has been seen in intimate company with Lois Moran." It will be remembered that Doug and Lois worked opposite each other as Richard Van Dyke Grosvenor and Laurel Dallas, respectively, in "Stella Dallas."

"The Lily," Victor Schertzinger's production for Fox, has been released. Belle Bennett is again provided with a part which brings out to the full her rare dramatic talent as the daughter, "Odette." She will soon start work on "Mother Machree," another mercurial enemy to our tear ducts.

I hear that "The Big Parade" will be in Hong Kong very shortly. This is a picture which must not be missed by any "fan," and is one which even the most fastidious patrons of the silent drama will find delight in. The film does not plan to show that it was America that won the War; its only intention being just to provide the great theatre public with a stirring story of the War, adding incidents illustrating the many sides of life "over there." This picture, together with "Stella Dallas," "Ben-Hur," "Peter Pan," "The Vanishing American," and one or two other pictures marked the beginning of a new greater movie era in the history of the screen.

Richard Headrick, the child actor of a few years ago, has turned evangelist, and is at present busy saving souls in the Middle West of America.

Buster Keaton's palatial Beverly Hills cottage is completed, and the frozen-faced comedian and the family will soon move into the new home. It is reported that Buster was tired of listening to the ocean waves at Santa Monica, where his present home is, and that it why he spent over \$150,000 in the erection of a house in Hollywood.

Constance Talmadge is preparing to start work on "Carlotta" for First National.

The title of Jack Barrymore's latest picture, a United Artists release, "The Vagabond Lover," has been changed to "The Beloved Rogue."

Samuel Hopkins Adams has been signed by Famous Players to write ten original stories for the screen.

Frances "Peaches" Browning, née Keenan, has been offered a really good chance to go into the movies. It will be recalled that "Peaches" was the child wife of New York's Cinderella man, the millionaire Edward Browning, and only quite recently won separation from her husband. "The Hollywood Boulevarder."

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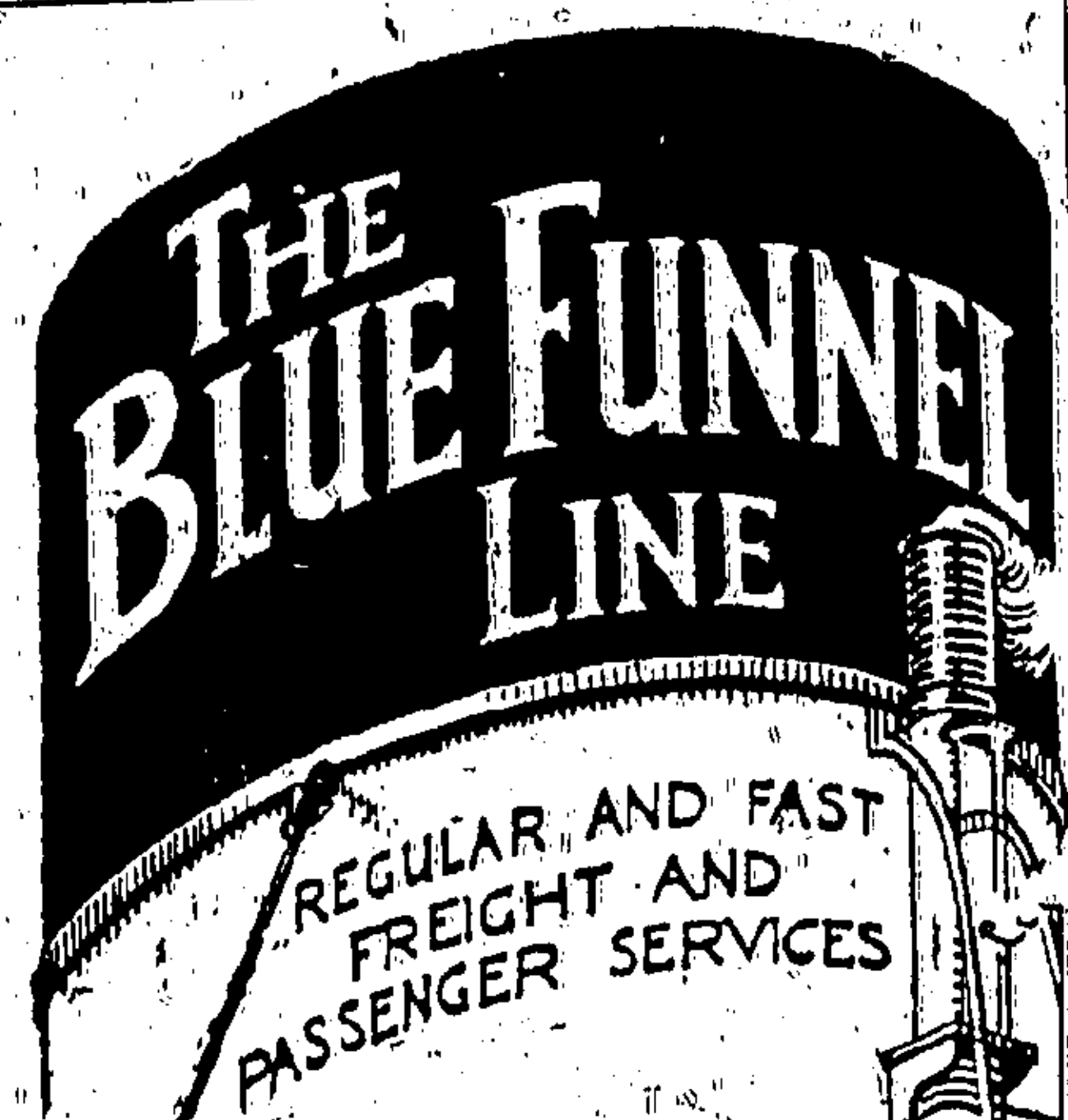
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CHANG TSO-LIN.

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Railway Traffic Resumed.

Hankow, Dec. 27.

Mr. Sun Fo, Nationalist Minister of Communications, announced to-day that, as a result of negotiations with representatives of Marshal Wu Pei-fu's generals in Honan, through traffic on the Peking-Hankow Railway as far as Chengchow was resumed to-day.

Until to-day only two trains were operated daily. The receipts were insufficient to pay the expenses. Under the new arrangement about ten trains will run daily.

It is estimated that between 60 and 70 tons of grain are awaiting haulage, at stations in Honan province. All this will be moved with the resumption of through traffic.

The negotiations for this resumption began immediately upon the arrival here of the Nationalist Government officials. Representatives of some of the leading generals of Marshal Wu were approached for an understanding. This was finally consummated.

Mr. Sun Fo said to-day that out of the surplus over operating expenses realised by the new through traffic he will begin extensive repairs and replacements along the line within a few months.

It is expected by the business community here that the new traffic will have a stimulating effect upon trade in the Wu-Han area.—Reuter.

Foreigners' Lucky Escape.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

"A new use for Balacava helmets," or "How two foreign women escaped annoyances planned for them by out-of-hand soldiers and anti-foreign students," might be the title of the story telling of the way in which two women missionaries left a certain town in Kiangsi province, when there were students lying in wait for them, and they could expect no protection from Southern soldiers, says the "Shanghai Times."

Cooled up in their small compound in this inland town, the two women sat, through one night listening to the shouts of a mob which marched round and round their building, beating occasionally on the gates, howling abuse, and sometimes heaving mud and pebbles over the wall.

Next morning there was a picket of Southern soldiers placed by pure chance, of course—near the gate by which they might be expected to attempt to leave the compound. These soldiers would inform the students when the women, whose only crime was that they taught the Gospel, tended the sick, and instructed a number of children how to read and write, were leaving; then they would conveniently turn their backs until all was over. The students were making assurance doubly sure by watching the city gates.

About the time of the evening meal, when the soldiers were busy with their rice, some native friends brought wheel-barrows into the mission compound, and gave the women long robes, like those worn by Chinese men. They covered their faces and heads with Balacava helmets, those warm woollen, but ungainly things favoured by Chinese to keep the frost from their ears, and worn years ago by Tommies in the trenches. Perched on these wheel-barrows, the women went through the streets, past the curious eyes of the soldiers, past the suspicious scrutiny of the students, and through the gate.

One of them reached Shanghai recently. She could not tell the name of the town for fear of reprisals on her friends who had helped to save her.

INDIAN FINANCE.

HIGHER EXCHANGE-RATIO QUESTION.

ECONOMIC CONFERENCE VIEWS.

Calcutta, Jan. 3.

At Tannan, the Principal of the Bombay Sydenham College of Commerce, presiding at the tenth session of the conference of Indian economists, supported as a whole the Currency Commission's proposals.

He asserted that the higher exchange ratio would hardly affect the small producer or the agricultural labourer, while the lower ratio, on the other hand, might necessitate retrenchment and additional taxation.

Mr. Tannan, while supporting the gold standard, urged the introduction of a gold currency within five to six years.

He emphasised the need of a proper banking system and an Indian Institute of Bankers.

Sir Rajendranath Mookerjee, of the Imperial Bank of India, welcoming the delegates warned the advocates of the 1s. 4d. ratio that their policy of raising the price level all round was a deliberate sacrifice of the interests of the poor. He deplored the proposals regarding the gold standard and said that the establishment of a reserve bank had not received the attention it deserved.—Reuter.

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Four natives have been murdered. A road inspector named Leurs and a Dutch lieutenant were killed and two soldiers were wounded when a military lorry was attacked.

Thirty insurgents up to the present have been killed. Numerous arrests have been made.

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CHOICE OF ROUTES.

A CANAL FROM GREAT LAKES.

COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

Washington, Jan. 3.

The Hoover Commission appointed by President Coolidge to advise upon the development of the canal from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic has reported in favour of the St. Lawrence route as recommended by the Canadian and American joint board of engineers.

The Commission declares that the construction of a canal of sufficient depth to admit ocean shipping from the Atlantic to the Great Lakes is an economic necessity for the Middle West.

The Commission prefers the St. Lawrence route in view of the advantages of the cost of maintenance, especially the belief that the scheme will make possible the largest hydro-electric development project in North America, providing a total of 5,000,000 horse-power, of which about half lies in the upper rapids along the international sections between the State of New York and Ontario.—Reuter's American Service.

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